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AND RICHARD MILES UP TO 300 millionaires were created instantly in the City

yesterday when the giant American stockbroker, Mer-

rill Lynch, paid £3.1 billion in

eash for Mercury Asset Management (MAM), the pension

fund manager.
The suprise bid made the

City firm's bosses. Hugh Stevenson, Carol Galley and

Stephen Zimmerman, at least

E10 million each. But the £17-a-share offer — priced at nearly a third more than MAM's market price on

Tuesday — will also make as many as 300 of the firm's staff

untold fortunes thanks to its

generous share options

scheme. The deal will create

the world's third largest fund manager, with £266 billion of

funds under management. Neither MAM nor Merrill

Lynch would give details of the windfalls that could cre-

ate nearly as many million-aires as the National Lottery.

but MAM's most recent an-

nual report states that its nine

executive directors and up to

290 other employees stand to

benefit from the firm's share

deal, making £15 million on

top of the £5.9 million he

Ms Galley, a former librar-

ian from Tyneside, will pick

up an estimated £10 million

on top of the £5.4 million she

took home last year and Mr

Stevenson will supplement

his £980,000 pay from last

year with a £14 million wind-

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est beneficiary of the

option scheme.

recieved last year.

Mr Zimmerman

Golden wedding tributes to family

Duke's secret of success: 'my tolerant wife'

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Duke of Edinburgh paid warm tribute to his wife's tolerance and his children's achievements yesterday in an unusually personal speech to mark the royal couple's golden

wedding anniversary.

With the Queen at his side, the Duke also expressed his belief that a partnership in marriage could achieve much more than a single individual and offered his own recipe for a successful marriage.
"I think the main lesson we

have learnt is that tolerance is the one essential ingredient," he told 800 guests at a lunch at Guildhall in the City. "It may not be quite so important when things are going well, but it is absolutely vital when the going gets difficult. You can take it from me that the olerance in abundance."

He went on to confess that he and his wife had gone through the full range of the pleasures and tribulations of child-rearing. "I am, natural-ly, softhewhat biased, but I think our children have all done rather well under very demanding circumstances and I hope I can be forgiven for feeling proud of them. I am also encouraged to see what a good start the next generation

Three of the couple's children have been divorced, and the fourth remains unmarried. Only one - the Princess Royal - was present to hear the Duke's tribute.

Alluding to the difficulties of royal marriage, the Duke said that position of hereditary head of state was greater than the individual who occupied it. People who find themselves in such a position have to learn to accept certain con-straints ... but they also discover that it gives them quite exceptional opportuniries to serve the interests of their communities and the nation at large. In such circumstances much can be done by an individual, but I am sufficiently old-fashioned to



The Duke: proud of his

believe that a great deal more can be achieved by a parmership in marriage. It has been a challenge for us, but by trial and experience. I believe we have achieved a sensible division of labour and a balance between our individual and joint interests."

For the Duke to make the formal speech while his wife is present is unusual, but as he explained, marriage involves two partners. The Queen will have her turn today, the actual anniversary, when she replies to the toast at a lunch for 350 people hosted by the Prime Minister.

The Queen is only the second reigning monarch in British history to achieve a golden wedding anniversary. The other couple were King George III and Queen Charlotte in 1811, but as the king had by then relapsed into his so-called madness, festivities

were thin on the ground. This time, however, there will be two days of celebra-tions. They began the Queen and the Duke arrived at Guildhall to be greeted by the Lord Mayor and a crowd of 200 on the street outside. Besides large numbers of City worthies and their wives, the guest list included Queen Eliz-abeth the Queen Mother, the Duke of Kent and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. John Prescott represented the Government, and the former prime ministers John Major, Baroness Thatcher, Sir Edward Heath and Lord Calla-

ghan were also there.

The belis of the church of St Lawrence Jewry rang out as guests sat down to baby lobster. Norfolk duckling with Calvados and apples, and bread and butter pudding with custard. As background, the orchestra of the Scots
Guards played selections from
The King And I, and other
light romantic melodies.

last right the Queen and Prince Philip attended a gala concert at the Royal Festival Hall devised by Prince Edward with help from the theorem of the prince theatre director Trevor Nunn. They were joined at the concert and for supper afterwards by some 50 representatives of other European royal houses both:regnant and denosed.

Members of the public paid between £10 and £400 for a seat at the concert, based on a theme of love, which drew heavily on readings from Shakespeare by actors including Ian Holm, Donald Sinden and Diana Rigg. The music ranged from Prokofiev's Romen and Juliet to Bernstein's West Side Story, from Verdi's Otello to Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The anniversary celebrations reach their climax today when the Queen and the Duke attend a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, where they were married on November 20, 1947. In the depths of postwar austerity, even Prin-cess Elizabeth had to find 300 clothing rations coupons for

her silk Hartnell dress. After the service, at which five other golden couples will be blessed, the royal couple will emerge from the Great West Door and walk about in. front of the Queen Elizabeth II



The Queen at Guildhall where she was given lion, unicorn and dragon carvings which will find a home at Windsor

conference centre, before driving to 10 Downing Street for pre-lunch drinks with Tony and Cherie Blair.

The Prime Minister will then accompany them to the Banqueting House in Whitehall, where, in the style fo the present Government, he will host a "people's banquet". The most honoured ordinary mortal there will be the jockey

Walter Swinburn, who will be

seated next to the Queen. Other guests will include Sir Cliff Richard, Shirley Bassey, Mike Atherton, Sally Gunnell, Frank Bruno and Rowan Atkinson as well as a small collection of people who could genuinely be described as ordinary. Brian Bevan, Britain's most decorated lifeboatman, WPC Gillian Shields,

community policewoman of the year, and Helen James, a Girl Guide leader from Angle-

sey, will be among them.

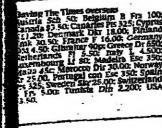
The celebrations will conclude tonight with a private ball in the newly restored state apartments of Windsor Castle.

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Rescuer missing

A helicopter winchman was missing last night when he was washed off the deck of a cargo ship near Shetland where he had rescued 10 of its crew. Bill Deacon was swept into the sea seconds after he had attached a rescue wire to the final scaman ____Page 3

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MPs give Harman 'roasting' over cuts

BY NICHOLAS WATT, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR was told last night that he faces a "considerable revolt" by Labour MPs over the Government's decision to cut benefits for lone parents by up to fil a week.

The warning from back-Harman, the Social Security Secretary, was given a hostile reception at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP). The backbenchers passed on the concerns to Mr. Blair at the new weekly meeting between the Prime Minister and the PLP's executive

committee. MPs who were present at the earlier meeting said that Ms Harman was given a "roasting" when at least ten MPs made hostile speeches. Those who spoke included Chris Mullin, the MP for Sunderland South Audrey Wise, the MP for Preston, and Michael Connarty, the MP for

Falkirk East. One MP who was present said: "In all my years I have never seen a frontbencher given such a mauling. Harriet was hopeless and seemed to be completely out of touch with the victimisation of lone

Ms Harman's reception marked the latest stage in a growing revolt on the Labour backbenches at the Government's decision to uphold the Tories' plans to cut benefits to lone parents by up to £11 a

A Commons Early Day Motion questioning the cuts, which was first published in benchers came after Harriet. July, has been attracting growing support. It will be published again today with the signatures of 43 Labour One Labour loyalist said

.Ms Harman's critics at yesterday's meeting were not just drawn from the ranks of disaffected left-wingers and that new MPs, who would be expected to toe the line, spoke up. Ms Harman was told that MPs were dismayed that ministers had decided to uphold a Tory spending cut. One MP threw back at Ms

Harman her own-criticism of the cuts when they were first proposed by Kenneth Clarke in his budget last year. The rebels were angered after the meeting when a Labour party spokesman said that the meeting had given its "full back-ing" for Ms Harman's "New Deal" plan which involves the cut in benefits and measures to encourage lone parents to

Ms Harman's supporters lought back last night and insisted that she had not been given a rough time.



Quick! There's another nualty and violence bit coming up"

TV may alert viewers to naked truth

A TELETEXT-STYLE warning system that could end the embarrassment suffered by parents as they watch tele-vision with their children is being considered by broadcasting watchdogs (Carol Midgley writes). Under the system me

would flash up alerting viewers that scenes of nudity or extreme violence are about to appear. The Independent Television Commission is also considering toughening. up verbal warnings given out

at the start of programmes. The ITC stressed the proposals were at an early stage and, if accepted, could not be introduced "overnight".

Poor readers gain in summer schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

HALF of the children attending the Government's first literacy summer schools made six months' progress in three weeks, according to an evaluation of the project to be published today.

More than 1,500 pupils who had failed to reach their expected reading level before transferring to secondary edu-cation attended the 50 schools in July and August. The scheme is to be expanded tenfold next year.

The results of this summer's experiment have been a closely guarded secret, with even the schools involved unaware of their pupils' scores. Critics predicted that 11-year-olds would make little progress through further exposure to teaching methods which had already failed them.

But tests carried out by the National Foundation for Educanional Research have shown some schools registering dramatic progress. At Halewood School in Liverpool and Windsor High School, Salford, up to 60 per cent of children improved their "reading age" by more than a year.

In the 50 schools, 95 per cent of eligible pupils attended the full three weeks. The NFER report finds that their confidence in reading was raised significantly. The results show that up to nine pupils out of ten attending the summer schools improved their reading scores. All were at the level below their expected reading age in national curriculum tests taken in

Bob Salisbury, the head teacher of Garibaldi School, in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, which ran one of the summer schools, said: "The sceptics insisted that the kids wouldn't stay the course, parents wouldn't support it and teachers wouldn't be interested. We found quite the opposite; it worked remarkably well from

The Government launched the programme with £300,000 originally earmarked for the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation.

The size of the scheme was doubled subsequently after a £250,000 donation by News International, publishers of The Times.

State school pupils are to have lessons in citizenship and democracy, under proposals launched by David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, yesterday.

Sir Bernard Crick, professor of politics at Birkbeck College, London, is to chair a group making recommendations on



Yah boo! Mud pies fly in the playground

POLITICAL SKETCH

their special habitat, the Tories drag Labour for a spot of mudwrestling. The trouble with mudwrestling is that you get muddy. The Tories already were. Now Tony Blair is spoiling his clean

At Prime Minister's Questions yesterday he thrashed around in sticky contention with assorted opposition MPs. William Hague took flying kicks but never quite floored him. It was a backbencher. Philip Hammond (C. Runnymede & Weybridge) who got him with a half-Nelson, belly-down in the

Mr Hague's first attempt at an armlock was silly. Blair said Lab-"returned" Bernie

asked when. Funds would be transferred within days, said Blair. To Tury sniggers. Hague snorted that it has only taken a few minutes for "returned" to be rephrased "will be returned".

This was the moment for a playground chant from William and his gang, "nyer-nyer-ny'nyer-nyer". In mudlighting terms, a

well-aimed mud pie, no more. Hague now moved to two substantial charges. One was to ask why, when Blair claims he had decided to reject gifts from Mr Ecclestone, he then wrote to Sir Patrick Neill, QC, the Commons watchdog, asking whether he should. Hague's second complaint concerned an apparent inconsisten-



between something Peter Mandelson had said, and something said by the Prime Minister

Blair seemed to wriggle, but wriggled free. The uninitiated scratched our heads. It reminded me of the time Margaret Thatcher came under fire over Westland helicopters and, losing track of detail, most of us lazily concluded that something somewhere was rotten, but we were unlikely to get to the bottom of it.

Then came another mud pie. Mr

Mandelson claimed last week that Labour had acted properly, Hague told Blair, but was now claiming that the party's behaviour was "out of character. Tories fell about. This was a good

mud pie, but it was still a mud pie. Blair then wrongfooted Hague by demanding he name past Tory donors. "Have-a-go" Hague had now gone his maximum permitted six rounds with 'Squeaky-clean' Tony, and was called off.

Then a young mud-wrestler few had noticed before climbed into the

mud-pit to take Tony on.
Philip Hammond looks rather like a Moss-Bros "suits-you-sir"

sales assistant. His question, however, was sharp. Succincily, he repeated Hague's inquiry: how could Blair say he had decided to reject Ecclestone's money, then ask Sir Patrick's advice on whether to

accept it.
"Having taken the decision,"
floundered Blair, "it was important
that we got his advice as to whether we got the right decision." Mocking Tory laughter. Mr Blair's stickiest

Evidence of his discomfort was provided by an ill-judged swipe at his ally. Paddy Ashdown (he should learn the difference "between opposition and opportuning but slightly demeaning nosethumb at a new backbencher, John. Bercow (C. Buckingham). Blair (wrongly) accused young Bercow of having last worked for Jonathan Aitken. That got a good laugh from government backbenchers -Bercow irritates them. But do

ministers need to throw mud pies at small When Anthony Steen (C. Totnes) remarked, after Blair said he had

no plans to visit Totries, that this was "a great relief", Blair could not resist shooting back: "If I don't come to his constituency, he shouldn't come to mine".

Do you see what I mean about mud-wrestling?

KIERAN DOHERTY/REUTERS

IN BRIEF -

Non-stop Sinatra family evicted

A mother with two children is being evided from her council house after the teenage boy next door complained that her nonstop playing of Frank Sinatra records stopped him doing his homework Jeanette King, a divorcée, was given 28 days yester-day to leave the three-bedroom terraced house in Bournemouth, Dorset.

Hooligan plan

Powers to lock up football hooligans before international matches may be revived before the next World Cup. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, told the New Statesman that only such serious measures could prevent British hooliganism in France next year.

Jail suicides

Two prison doctors and a guard were criticised by an inquiry into the suicides of three women at Cornton Vale prison, Stirling. But Sheriff Principal John Maguire stop-ped short of finding that the jail had not taken reasonable steps to pre-vent the deaths.

Teacher cleared

A primary school teacher has been cleared at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court of assaulting five pupils, aged 10 and 11, on her first day at a new school. Ann Curtis, 42, had been accused of pushing and shaking the pupils at the school in North Kensington, London.

Hunting rally

An estimated 800 hunting enthusiasts gathered in Partiament Square to urge MPs to vote against a Bill threatening to ban their sport. The Private Member's Bill, intro-Labour MP for Worres-ter, is to receive its second reading next week.

Stalker sentence

Eileen McLardy, 51, a mother of three from Coventry who stalked her former university lecturer after sexual harassment claims against him were disproved, was given a one-month suspended sentence for breaching a court order restraining her from barassing him.

E-coli increase

The number reported in Britain to have become ill with E coli bacteria has almost doubled in a year, the Public Health Lab-Over 90 per cept of the cases involve people incatching the illness here has more than doubled.

Byron treasure

Lord Byron's pearl-deco-rated musical snuffbox, for which he paid a jewel-ler in Old Bond Street. London, £105 in July 1813, fetched £67,725 at Christies in Geneva. The lid of the box opens to reveal a woman playing the barp and piano surrounded by

Mandelson admits party abused trust

Government had behaved "out of character" over the Formula One affair and risked damaging its bond of trust with the British people.

In a frank assessment of the row that has given ministers their worst moments since the election, the Minister without Portfolio confessed that the Government had not acted openly but had concealed and

His remarks came on the day that Tony Blair and William Hague clashed in their angriest Commons ex-change, with the Tory leader accusing Mr Blair of spinning a "shabby tale of evasion" after the Prime Minister admitted that Labour had not yet paid back its £1 million donation to Bernie Ecclestone.

Mr Blair fought back with the demand that the Tories should, like Labour, be prepared to declare to Sir Patrick Neill's Committee on Standards in Public Life all the donors and amounts they had received over the past five The Formula One affair prompts an apology from Labour's chief

spin-doctor as Hague renews his attack, reports Philip Webster

years. "No one knows where a penny of Tory money comes from, "he said. "Before you get up and criticise the Labour Party ... get up and tell us now where the money comes from, who gave it . . . and go back through the five years we

are prepared to do." It emerged last night that Labour's bank, the Co-op, has opened a repayment account and Mr Ecclestone will receive the £1 million shortly. The party has been forced to increase its overdraft. Mr Mandelson used a

speech on communications in the public sector to deliver his admission of failure. He said: "The Government behaved out of character. We

acted against our own princi-

ples - that honesty is the first

principle of good communications; that quick communications are essential to good government; and that the purpose of communicating is not to stall or to hide but to put in context and to explain."

He said that the Government would only carry through the changes it sought for Britain if it carried the people. He added: "The rock on which that partnership is founded is trust and without openness and transparency in our dealings with the British people there will be no trust." His remarks follow behindthe-scenes differences in Mr Blair's high command last

week over how much informa-

tion should be made public.

Alastair Campbell, his press

secretary, was known to have

other advisers and ministers

Mr Hague repeatedly challenged Mr Blair on his explanation of events. He asked why the Prime Minister had said that he had ruled out further donations from Mr Ecclestone on November 5 but two days later was asking Sir Patrick whether further donations could be accepted."

He then seized on Mr Mandelson's speech. He said that last Saturday Mr Mandelson had claimed the Government had behaved with "complete propriety" but had now said that it had behaved out of character".

Mr Hague said: "Is it not extraordinary that the Government denied receiving money from Mr Ecclestone and then admitted; denied that it was El million and then admitted it; denied that the crucial meeting had been minuted and then published the minutes; denied this House a full account of the matter. which instead has been dragged out piece by piece.



Peter Mandelson, who used a speech on effective communication to apologise

denied that you would take further donations and then took advice on accepting

"Hasn't your conduct been a shabby tale of evasion which voters in future, when asked to trust you, will not likely for-

get?" Mr Blair hit back saying that Mr Hague had promised in June to publish a full list of donors, but had so far not published a single name.

The Prime Minister said of Mr Hague: "Before he gets up and criticises the Labour Par-

now where the money comes from, who gave it to them and let him go back through the five years we are prepared to

ty, let him get up and tell us

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attempt to unlock the Stor-

mont talks.Mr Trimble will challenge Mr Ahern to aban-

don Ireland's territorial claim

to the north. If that happens

other avenues of co-operation

open up". UUP officials said last night.

Lee Clegg, the paratrooper fighting to overturn his

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Troops set for Ulster pullout

By MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND

THE Army is set to withdraw its first troops from Northern Ireland since the IRA ceasefire

began in July. Almost an entire battalion of paratroopers, that was until recently patrolling the streets of west Belfast, will be returned to its base in Dover,

starting tomorrow. The highly-symbolic move comes as Sinn Fein's leaders. facing grassroots anger at their participation in the Stormont peace talks, have intensified their demands for the province's demilitarisation as a confidence-building mea-

Continued from page 1 fall. However one of the best

known City figures missed out

the bonanza. Nicola Horlick.

who became known as "super-woman" for her ability to juggle five children and a high-flying career, made her

reputation at MAM before

eaving in 1991. In May she

recruited John Richards, one

of MAM's most senior manag-

ers, to join her new operation at Societé Générale, the French bank. The move is **BLAIR BACKS FAMINE MEMORIAL**

Tony Blair made a significant gesture to Irish nationalists last night when he agreed to provide financial support for the first memorial in Britain to victims of the Great Famine. The Prime Minister, who said over the summer that London had failed the people of Ireland during the famine, said in a letter to Kevin McNamara, Labour's former Northern Ireland spokesman, that he welcomed plans for a memorial in Liverpool.

thought to have cost Mr — and Mr Zimmerman it won Richards millions in share a reputation for agression and

sure. But security sources insisted the withdrawal merely reflected the reduced threat and was easily reversible. About 400 men would be returned from a total strength of 17,000. A small section of the so-called "urban reinforce-

The bid from Merrill Lynch

is the culmination of one of the

City's greatest success stories. MAM started life as the fund

management operation of SG

Warburg, the merchant bank,

and came into its own only in

Under the guidance of Ms Galley — said to be the most powerful women in the City

and known as the ice maiden

the mid-1980s.

ment battalion" is to be left guarding the Maze prison. Today, at a secret London location, David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, will hold his first official meeting with Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, in an

a reputation for agression and

success. That attracted local

councils and many big firms,

to put MAM in charge of their pension funds. Seven years ago it looked after £32.3 billion

of funds; now it manages

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more than EIO4 billion.

conviction for murdering Karen Reilly, 18, a Belfast joyrider, won a small victory sterday when Northern Ireland's Appeal Court ruled new forensic evidence produced by his lawyers admissible. Clegg's third and final appeal was adjourned until January 12 when his defence team will call expert witnesses to explain

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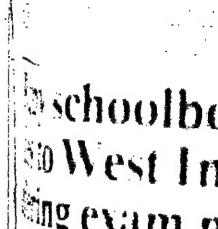
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Helicopter winchman lost in rescue



The Green Lily's crewmen are brought ashore by helicopter Colleagues cut safety wire as squalls lash craft after 15 crewmen are taken

off refrigeration ship wrecked on

rocks. Shirley English reports

THE search was suspended last night for a helicopter winchman. lost off Shetland while rescuing ten crewmen from a wrecked cargo ship in 70mph gales.

Bill Deacon was swept into the sea by giant waves seconds after he had helped to attach a coastguard rescue wire to the final seaman from the stricken vessel Green Lily.
It is understood the safety wire

linking him to the helicopter had to be cut by his colleagues, although the circumstances that led to the decision are not yet: known. One report said the wire had snagged and been lost when a sudden squall struck the Bristows S61N helicopter, on contract to Shetland coastguard. Huge waves were breaking over the ship, which had been forced onto cliffs on the east side of the island of Bressay at 2pm.

A four-hour search for Mr Descon in darkness and atrocious weather was called off at 7pm, A coastguard spokesman said it was impossible to see anything as gale force winds whipped up oil-laden spray and debris from the wreck. We have not given up hope, but it is now four hours since he went into the water. The search has been called off reluctantly, but will start again at first light tomorrow. At the moment conditions are so bad there is nothing we can do." The coastguard helicopter and an RAF helicopter had joined Lerwick lifehoat and constguard volunteers in the search for the missing man. Mr Deacon, who was said to be very experienced and highly trained, was washed overboard

ployed by Bristows and had worked as a helicopter winchman on contract to coastguards in the north of Scotland for many years. It is believed he may have been providing holiday relief for Shetland coastguard.

Bob Driver, regional coastguard controller, said: "It is difficult to put a time on his chance of survival. We will carry on searching until all hope is exhausted. We still have hope at the moment. Bristows were last night trying to contact Mr Deacon's family.

It is understood the winchms had been lowered from the helicopter to the ship to help the 10 remaining Crostian and Filipino crewmen to escape as their vessel, which was carrying fish, began breaking up and leaking 240 tonnes of oil. Five other crewmen had been rescued earlier by the Lerwick lifeboat, which pulled alongside the Green Lily in 30ft seas and snatched them to safety. Eventually it had to withdraw because of the waves.

Although the helicopter hovered over the heaving seas, searching for Mr Deacon for several mintues after he was lost, it eventually had to take the survivors to Gilbert. Bain Hospital in Lerwick. The crew then flew to Sumburgh airport to refuel and collect a new wire and a replacement winchman before returning to the scene.

The coastguard had been alerted eight hours earlier, at around 7.30am, when it received a distress call from the refrigerated cargo vessel saying its engines had failed more miles off Shetland. Throughout the day three togs attempted to



The coastguard helicopter hovers close to the wreck of the Green Lily on Bressay, searching for Bill Deacon before heading for hospital with the rescued seamen

but after numerous attempts to attach tow lines failed, it was driven onto rocks. The ship, owned by a Norwegian company and registered in the Bahamas, was heading for Spain.

The weather caused havoc across Scotland. Electricity engineers were working to restore power to 900 people on five of the outer Orkney islands. Last night two other islands, Westray and Shapinsay, were still not connected and were expected to spend a second night without power. In Dumfries and Galloway, in the coastal village of Isle of Whithorn, part of a house collapsed into the sea as the owner slept in the other half. John McWilliam, 58, was woken by his daughter in the

journalisis who called at the

family's isolated farmhouse at

Askwith, near Otley in West

Yorkshire: "I have absolutely

Graham Hedges, a maths teacher and director of com-

"Naturally the school is very concerned for his wellheing,

and we await his return eagerly. I have no idea why he

"If he does return to school I

am not sure what will happen.

We will have to judge that if

and when it happens. All we

know at the moment is that he flew from Manchester to

Bridgetown yesterday and that he has booked a return

flight for December 3. We

know of no reason why he

Ralph Middlebrook coach

at the Yorkshire Indoor Crick-

et School at Headingley in

Leeds, said: "He is a big.

strapping lad; fearsome in fact. Although he only came

here when school allowed, he

showed great promise as a

quick bowler and I found him

to be a pleasant, industrious

lad. He is a bit of an all-

rounder because he plays

would do this."

nothing to say."

'He was a hero. He gave his life'

Eyewitness report on the rescue, by Shetland News journalist Jonathan Wills

Bressay, 12 miles from the nearest road. The wind was so strong it was hard to stand up. Taking shelter behind an old peat bank, I could see the nelicopter hovering above the ship as she rolled heavily, broadside on to seas about 20ft high.

helicopter and being winched up. At first. I thought it was the winchman, but in fact he was still on board. It must have been the last of the survivors.

Then I saw the helicopter turn and come back round for another lift. I thought I saw comeone on the wire. Then the just as the ship did a violent roll

When I could see the chopper

again, there was no sign of anyone on the line. That must be when they snagged the wire on the rigging and had to cut it away. The winchman was a hero. The conditions were terrifying, particplarly after the ship hit the rocks. But he stayed on board until he had made sure everyone was safe. He gave his life for them.

why the belicopter hung around for the next ten minutes or so, apparently searching for someone or something in the water. which was now turning purplish black with oil. Now I know they were looking for the winchman. The lifeboat coxswain, Hewitt

Clark, was also very brave. I saw him repeatedly take the lifeboat under the lee side of the ship to snatch erew from the rail. It was an extraordinarily courageous and skilled piece of scamanship.

* Rugby schoolboy, 16, flies to West Indies suffering exam nerves

A FIFTH-FORMER at a public school abandoned his studies to fly alone to Barbados, apparently suffering from examination nerves.

Now police on the tropical island are searching for the teenager who is believed to have joined up with a drop-out. artist called Ryan O'Neil holiday in the Caribbean.

Fenn Chapman, 16, pulled out of his preparations for GCSE trials next week at Rugby school in Warwickshire without telling his parents or reachers that he was going. Reports suggested he had borrowed cash from his schoolfriends to pay for his

By the time staff reported him missing at 4pm on Tuesday, he was already in the air on a flight from Manchester. A spokesman for Warwickshire police said: "We are very keen to trace this boy, and obviously his parents are extremely worried about him too. He has committed no offence and it is purely concern for his welfare.

We understand he went to Barbados in the summer with his parents and it appears he was quite enchanted with the place. He will also know his way around to some extent

herause he's been there before. There is some suggestion that he may be suffering from exam-related stress."

Yesterday a schoolfriend called Dave said: "It is the talk of the school. He just wanted to get away from the opressive atmosphere of this place. It didn't suit him and he needed to get away from everything that was getting him down.

"He is a very popular lad and a real individual. He plays the tuba in the school band, plays rugby for the school colts A side and was also due to be in a school play of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, though I don't suppose he'll be in that any more. He also played in his year's

"I say good luck to him because he's doing what he wants to do, and if he comes back he'll probably be kicked

Another pupil, who des-cribed himself as a very close friend, said. "He needed to get away to find his miner self. . That's what he told me. He is one of the greatest people I've

The pupil has been at Rugby for three years, where fees for the 760 pupils are £4,240 a

Yesterday his father told

Lottery to offer jackpot of £25m

THE National Lottery, which has created 447 millionaires since its launch in 1994, will offer this weekend a guaranteed jackpot prize of £25 mil-lion, its biggest, to mark its third anniversary.

Camelot said the Saturday prize was likely to enfice extra players, which could make the jackpot even higher. More than 11,615,900,000

tickets have been sold since and about £6.4 billion paid out in prizes. Sixty-five per cent of the population are regular players and the average spent on a game is £3.15. Initial estimates put the sum raised for charity, heri-

tage, arts, sports and the £9 billion. Despite the lot-tery's success, Camelot has been accused of making too much profit, milking money that could have bolstered good causes. Accusations of "fat cat" salaries have been levelled at the directors.

ble for distributing the cash have also come under fire for awarding grants deemed elitist or too politically correct. The Government will soon

rugby as well. He put his heart publish the National Lottery Bill which, it hopes, will and soul into training and I wouldn't like to tackle him in boost the game's image.

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Boys blind cat with laser pen



A PET cat has become the latest victim—alleged culprits because the witnesses, of a laser pen attack, after being blinded—aged 6, are too young to be reliable. of a laser pen attack, after being blinded

by a gang of boys. Four boys, aged about 12, took turns to shine the laser into the cat's eyes. The attack, in a garden at Winlaton. Tyne and Wear, was witnessed by two younger boys who ran to try to help the cat. The gang threatened to use the pen on them too but they eventually alerted the pet's owner Susan Aiston. ...

She took the cat, called Jack, to a vet in Newcastle, who confirmed that the animal had lost its sight. Mrs Aiston, who had taken the cat in

as a stray, has reported the attack to the RSPCA. It has begun an investigation rays. Bus drivers and shop workers but police say they cannot detain the have been attacked

She said: "It is impossible for any decent human being to understand how anybody could inflict such deliberate cruelty on a helpess animal. Jack is a lovely, friendly, creature who would have happily gone to these little monsters as he was playing.

The poor cat was screaming and must have been in appalling pain. The vet told me the backs of his eyes have been completely burnt out."

There have been several calls by MPs. to ban laser pens, whose infra-red beam: can be 100 times stronger than the sun's

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Room at the top for People's Banquet

Andrew Pierce

on why the royal

couple will be dining with WPC,

a farmer and a

factory worker

brations for the golden wedding anniversary today will break with tradition with the first People's Banquet for the ourgh. Tony Blair, as part of his plans to modernise the institution of the monarchy, agreed with Buckingham Palace an informal tone for the

will emphasise tradition with the largest gathering of kings, eens and minor royals since Coronation, ordinary people who will take precedence by the side of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the banquetto symbolise the changes which the Prime Minister is determined to effect on the Royal Household.

The royal couple will, if the weather permits, walk from pre-lunch drinks in Downing Street across Whitehall to the Banqueting House. The conventional, long top-table has been dropped. Two round Prime Minister and the Queen on one and Mrs Blair with the Duke of Edinburgh on the other. Diplomats, government figures and royalty have been stood down in favour of what Downing Street described yesterday as a "sprinkling of ordinary people".

The jockey Walter Swinburn will sit beside the Queen at the top table. On the ther side of the Queen will be eader for five years, who has been in the same unit since she was seven. She is a member of the Guide Association's Junior Council.

Others at the table will include WPC Gillian Shields. 34, from Wetherall, Carlisle, whose work in her local comestate earned her the title of UK community police officer of the year, and Laurie Dennis, 53, from Gateshead, a team leader in the maintenance department at the Nissan factory at Washington,

Tyne and Wear.

Cherie Blair will host the other lead table, with the Duke of Edinburgh on the one side with Brian Bevan, 50, the most highly decorated lifeboatman in the country. The other guests include Jill Willows, a farmer from Maitby, near Rotherham, and





Guests for lunch: clockwise, WPC Shields, community police officer of the year, the jockey Walter Swinburn, lifeboatman Brian Bevan, and the boxer Frank Brano

Shields, 34,

highly decorated member of the Royal National Lifeboat

Organisations which ceived invitations were been encouraged to send lower accident.All the other guests ranking members rather than

their brass". Downing Street said. tion which

people from or-dinary walks of life had made to British life. It is part of her desire to recognise the contribution they have made."

The worlds of sport and entertainment will be represented by boxer Frank Bruno, sprinter Linford Christie, hurdier Sally Gunnell, England cricket captain Mike Atherton.

comedian Rowan Atkinson, singers Sir Cliff Richard and Shirley Bassey and the model Heather Mills, who won plauin a traffic

will be seated round tables 6 It is also a tribute to the people of the

estate. The vast who has three children, said majority are yesterday: "It will be a very lovely 9 proud moment for me and the community policing team in Carlisle. It is also a tribute to

the people of the Raffles estate. The vast majority are lovely, honest, decent people."

Mr Dennis, 53, has two children and three grandchildren, and works in the mainteance department at

Nissan's factory in Washing-

ton, Tyne and Wear. He found it hard to believe when the letter arrived from Downing Street announcing he was having lunch at the Banquet-ing House in the presence of the Oueen. He said: "It must be like winning the lottery. I am in a state of shock."

Mr Bevan, 50, lifeboarman on the second top and honoured. When I got the invitation three weeks did't realise the Queen and the Duke would be there. But last night I got a call from the Prime Minister's secretary telling me that I will be on one of the top tables with Mrs Blair and the Duke."

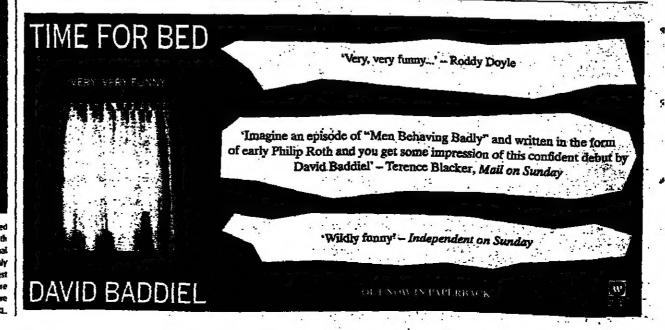
Jill Willows, who will be sitting beside the Duke of Edinburgh, farms 550 acres of arable land around Maltby. Yorkshire. She said: "I have never been to any royal event

☐ Additional reporting by Joanna Bale

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Staff at the People's Palace restuarant examine a copy of the menu (salmon and beef Wellington with hazelnuts and shallots) enjoyed by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh after last night's gala at the Royal Festival Hall-





Royal gossip reigns as the crowned heads come to town

THE royals of Europe have not had such an opportunity to catch up on family gossip in almost half a century. The gathering of more than 50 foreign royals, including seven monarchs, will be the biggest gathering of the extended clan since the Coronation.

After the Queen's golden wedding service at Westminster Abbey today, the Prince of Wales will take the throng of his distant cousins by hoat to Greenwich for lunch at the Royal Naval College. Coaches will then transport them to Windsor Castle for a ball.

With such a crowd in town, it has not been possible to put everybody up at Buckingham Palace. Some will be staying at Windsor while the younger bloods are understood to be on board Britannia by Tower Bridge under the supervision of Prince Edward. Others, such as King Constantine and his family and Crown Prince

Alexander of Yugoslavia, will

stay at their London resi-

dences or with friends. The Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Spanish, Yugoslavi-an and Romanian royal fam-ilies are descended, like the Queen, from the grandmother of europe, Queen Victoria. The Bulgarian and Belgian houses, are from Prince Albert's side, the Saxe-Coburgs, while the Grand Duke of Luxembourg is a little more distantly related to the Windsors, tracing his descent to George II. The only

foreign royal family from out-

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In charge or in exile, the Queen's guests have much

to talk about, writes Damian

Whitworth

side Europe is that of King Hussein of Jordan, who is represented by his sons, Crown Prince El Hassan bin Talal and Prince Abdullah, and their wives.

Even if the royals themselves struggle to put names to faces on first encounters, they will have plenty to talk about once the ice has been

King Michael of Romania. who was also crowned and present at the wedding, may have mixed memories of 1947. He returned to his country afterwards to find that the Communists had seized power and he had to flee in the dothes he was wearing to Switzerland, where he now

He will be accompanied by his wife, Queen Anne, and his daughter Princess Margarita, an old flame of Gordon Brown, the Chancellor. She is married to the memorably named Ruda Duda, who should get on famously with

yarns. Princess Martha-Louise of Norway, 26, was the first European royal to be cited as the "other woman" in the English High Court after her friendship with the show-jumper Philip Morris. Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark spent a night in a police cell when he was arrested on New Year's Eve 1991 for drinking and driving. Many will have stories to tell of their ordeals at the

turer at the Academy of Theatre and Film in Bucharest.

swap. Some will provoke sym-

little green if that other pass-

lion overhaul of her Copenha-

gen palace was funded by the

If our Queen is looking for tips on 1990s style, she might have a natter with Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands,

whose private wealth makes

her one of the richest women

in the world, but who never

wears a crown and rides a

The younger generation

may whisper more scandalous

public purse.

hands of the press. Queen Beatrix's son, the Prince of Orange, was dubbed the Prince of Fun by the Dutch press. The 30-year-old bachefor was then targeted by the animal rights lobby, who complained about his love of boar hunting. They claimed that the beasts suffered unnecessarily because he was such a bad shot that he succeeded

But the gathering should take heart from some tales. King Simeon of Bulgaria succeeded his father at the age of six in 1943 but was exiled by the Communists in 1946. He lives in Madrid, but when he returned to his native country last year he was given an ecstatic reception by half a million people who are now agitating for his permanent

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Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, at the Lord Mayor's luncheon at Guildhall yesterday

'Tolerance is essential to a marriage'

An edited version of the Duke of Edinburgh's speech at the Guildhall luncheon yesterday

time seems to fly. It appears to us, at least, that we have been fairly busy over the last 50 years and the time has simply flashed past. Until, that is, you start looking back and try and recall what things were like 50 years ago and you begin to realise how much has

changed ...
I got back to this country from the Pacific in January 1946 and then in the autumn of 1947 we got married. It was a fairly drab world; the postwar recovery had hardly even begun and practically everything was still rationed. Everyone seemed to think that our wedding was a very happy occasion and brought a little colour back to life after the dreary war years. At any rate, we certainly thought so.

We were then fortunate to enjoy five happy years of fairly conventional married life. That included two years with a home of our own in Malta while I was with the Navy. This period came to an had the melancholy duty of succeeding her father after his premature death in 1952. She was 25 and 1 was 30 and we had two small children. Life changed dramatically in many ways, but it had much less effect on our married life than I anticipated. After an interval of ten hectic years, we

were more or less settled into consideration of so many our new way of life.

Like all families, we went through the full range of the pleasures and tribulations of bringing up children. I am, naturally, somewhat biased, but I think our children have all done rather well under very demanding circum-stances and I hope I can be forgiven for feeling proud of them. I am also encouraged to see what a good start the next

generation is making. We would both like to acknowledge that it was only through the kindness and people in all walks of life that we managed to get through those early daunting years of added responsibilities ...

There are a number of positions in our society, which are greater than the individuals who happen to occupy them for the time being. The position of hereditary Head of State in a constitutional monarchy is just one of them ... People who find themselves in such a position have to learn to accept certain con-

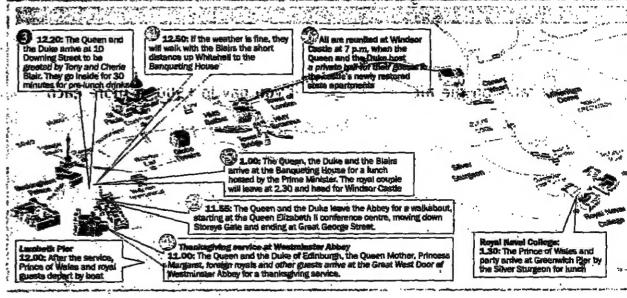
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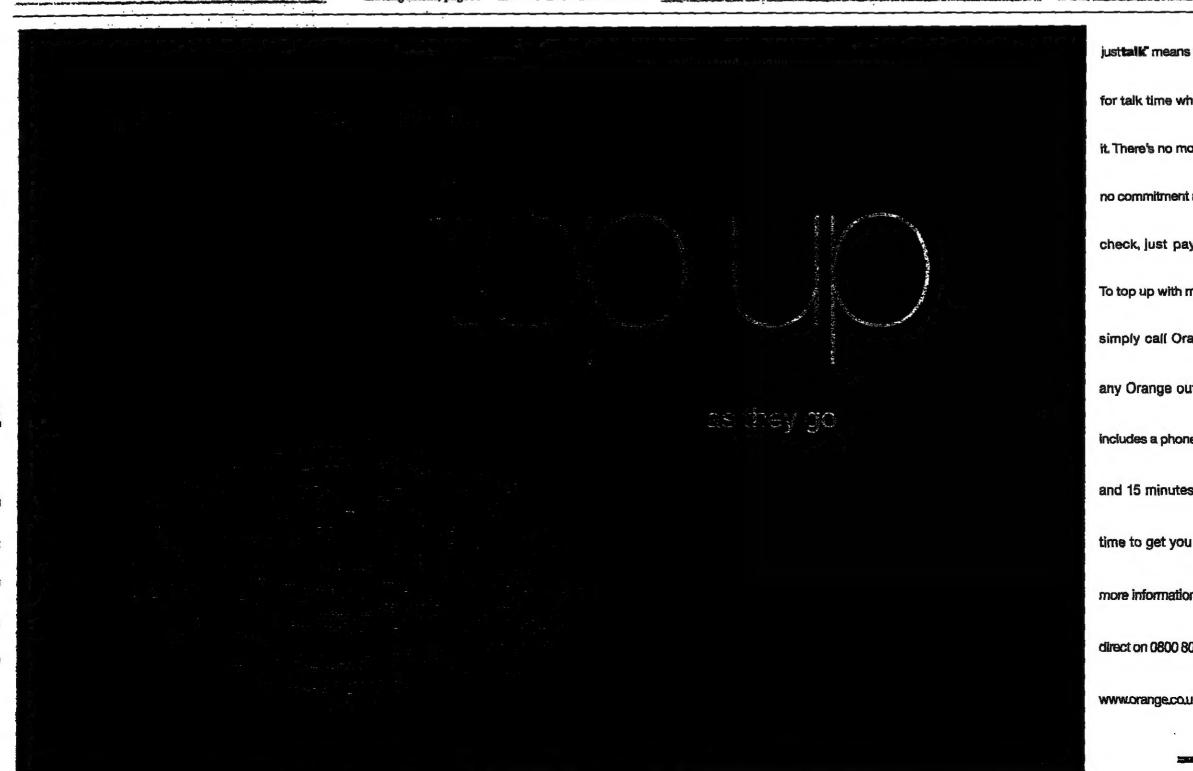
left of private life. But they also discover that it gives them quite exceptional opportunities to serve the interests of their communities and the nation at large.

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In such circumstances much can be done by an individual, but I am sufficiently old-fashioned to believe that a great deal more can be achieved by a partnership in marriage. It has been a challenge for us, but by trial and experience I believe we have achieved a sensible divibalance between our individual and joint interests. After 50 years' experience, i find there is great temptation to give advice. The trouble is

that no two marriages are alike. However, I think the main lesson we have learnt is that tolerance is the one essential ingredient of any happy marriage. It may not be quite so important when things are going well, but it is absolutely vital when the going gets difficult. You can take it from me that The





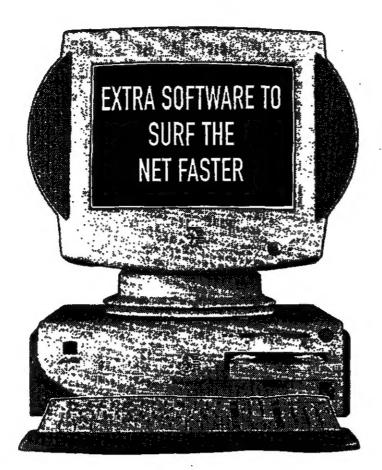
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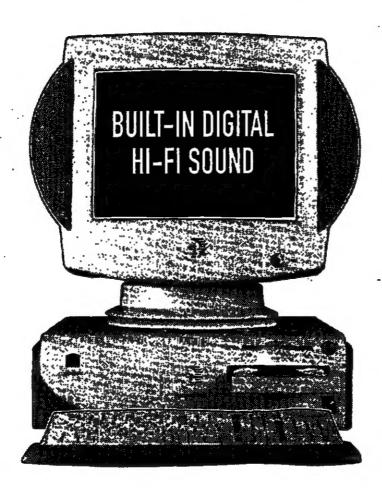
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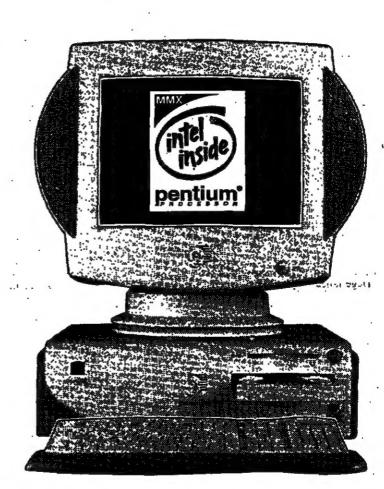












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"Court backs girl who refused adoption

ll-year-old returned to her mother after foster parents of three years fail in all-or-nothing bid for another daughter. Frances Gibb reports

A GIRL aged Il is to return to sel, told the court that the live with her natural mother on a council estate after rejecting adoption by the middleclass couple who have fostered

The couple, both academics from the affluent north side of Oxford, said at a hearing last month that they would not continue to foster the child unless they were granted the right to adopt her. They were in the Court of Appeal yesterday to hear judges say that they would not order the adoption against the wishes of both the girl and her mother.

The decision means that the girl, at present living with her foster parents, will be returned to her mother, who lives on the sprawling Black-bird Leys estate in Oxford and who has successfully battled against heroin addiction and

The judges, by two to one, held that although the couple could continue to foster the girl, they would not sanction her adoption. In his judgment, Lord Justice Judge appealed to the couple to "find the necessary resources of character and humanity, and the simple affection for her, to allow the girl to continue the progress she has made towards a fulfilled and happy life from which she would have been excluded if they had not offered her their home as

result of the judgment was that the foster parents were not prepared to keep the girl. The fundamental problem is that a mere residence order is not acceptable to this couple and remains unacceptable, notwithstanding your lordships' judgment. They are extremely unlikely to change

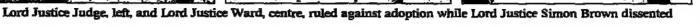
their views as a consequence." The judges said there should now be a High Court hearing "of some urgency" to make arrangements for the girl's return to her mother.

The foster parents declined to comment after the hearing. The girl's mother welcomed the decision. Her solicitor, Mark Phillips, said: "She thinks the decision is the best one for her daughter and the one her daughter would have wanted." Mr. Phillips added that despite the court proceed-ings, a feature of the case had been the "very good relation-ship between my client, the natural mother, and the adoptive parents".

The girl was fostered by the couple in 1994, the year after she was taken into care, aged 7. Lord Justice Ward said it came as a "bombshell" to them that she did not want to be adopted, although she had said as much throughout her placement. He added that the unfortunate feature" of the placement was that the local authority, Oxfordshire County







Yesterday, Lords Justices

Ward and Judge, Lord Justice

Simon Brown dissenting,

Lord Justice Simon Brown

from defying the order.

Apology over jailed PC

LAWYERS for The Times apologised to a judge at the Old Bailey yesterday after he expressed dismay at reports of the conviction of a London policeman for assault. PC Paul Evans was jailed for six assault. PC Paul Evans was failed for six months on Tuesday on one count of common assault for beating Ben Swarbrick, a student, after a rock concert in May 1994. He was not convicted of the more serious charge of kicking Mr Swarbrick 20 times, as The Times twice

reported. On this he was acquitted.
Judge Graham Boal, QC, said that the mistake was first brought to his attention before Evans was sentenced, but he had assured the court that his sentence was based on the jury's findings, not on the report in The Times. Yesterday, after the mistake was repeated, the judge said that PC Evans was entitled to an accurate public might be dismayed to read that a judge at the Old Bailey had sentenced the policeman to six months for kicking a member of the public 20 times.

Counsel for The Times said the reporter had not been in court when the first mistake was brought to the court's attention. The follow-up story was obtained from a news agency which made no reference to the judge's remarks. The judge said that he accepted the apology. He said: "Indeed, I understand we all

From broken home to adult break-ups

to prepare for it, and there was

little awareness on its part of

the girl's "persistent cry that

she wanted to live with her

mother" and little work done

Court of Appeal after a judge

at Oxford County Court ruled

that it was in the girl's best

interests for her to be adopted.

Judge David Morton Jack said that after the foster par-

ents stipulated they would

settle for nothing less than adoption that the mother's

consent should "be dispensed

The mother went to the

to explore her true wishes.

THE girl's mother was the victim of a "tragic" upbringing, Lord Justice Ward said. Her parents separated when she was young. She was sexually abused from the age of 5. As a result she lost contact with her mother, who was an alcoholic.

She had minimal contact with her father. She had little formal education, truanting extensively from the age of 11 until leaving school at 15." She married at 16 and had two children. The marriage failed

THE MOTHER

husband's drinking and subjecting the mother to violence". At 19, she formed a new relationship and had two further children. For three years there was relative stability. Then, encouraged by her partner, she started to experiment with drugs, By 23, she was a heroin addict, supported by crime. The girl in the court case suffered from withdrawal

mother and father were jailed when she was aged 4, and she was in a grandmother's care until the mother's release the next year. In 1992, the mother entered a refuge to escape her partner's violence. She turned to another man, who had his own drink and drug prob-lems. In 1993, the girl, then 7, found him dead from an overdose. The mother was too incapable to do anything

The mother's drunken behaviour continued, the judge said. The girl was removed in 1993 and a care order followed. Despite a rehabilitation plan, the mother relapsed, and the girl was removed in June 1994,

was being unreasonably with-

mother, told the Appeal Court that the county court judge

had failed to give sufficient weight to the wishes of the

mother, her daughter, or the

local authority, which had

given evidence that adoption

was not in the child's best

interests. The girl herself, who had "unquestioning love for her mother", felt she was

being adopted against her

Mark Everall, QC, for the

Shortly afterwards, the mother began to live with another man, aged 41. He too abused drugs and alcohol, and had a criminal record including robbery, burglary and assault, but the couple made "commendable efforts to

change". They stopped drink-ing in January 1995. By July 1996, the mother had weaned herself off methadone, and the man was reducing his intake.

Together, they cleaned up and decorated their flat, the judge said. "For the first time, says the mother, she has found a partner who is prepared to participate in the responsibil-ities of family life." They have a daughter, born last year, and the couple have satisfied the local authority that she can

be removed from the at-risk register. The mother is now 41. Stable family who offered everything

THE two academics are both doctors of philsophy and fiving in comfortable cirjudge said. They had lived

The man is 43 and the roman is 48. The judge said those saintly people — few of us are — who are able to offer They wanted a child who they could adopt into their family. One has total sympathy for

The girl in the case was not tion could not have been seen as a certainty. In planning meetings held by the social services' fostering and adoption panel, "the consensus"
was that the legal security
provided by adoption would
be preferable, but the child's wishes would be influential.

THE ACADEMICS

If she disagreed, then the court could make a residence

saw the benefits of the girl ral family, which was ar-

October 1996 the couple filed their application to adopt. They married in order to

A report by the guardian for the girl said there was "no question of their commithappy and relaxed with them despite all that has tranmonstrably affectionate". It couple too much for their itment and the changes they had brought in her life.

This is demonstrated most powerfully in the progress she has made in school Although in many respects the match between this initial ly rather unresponsive and deprived child from a very different background from the applicants does not evident that there is considerable affection and under-



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New air quality check comes clean on risks

Better monitoring of pollution will help asthmatics, reports Nick Nuttall

MORE accurate smog forecasts covering a greater range of pollutants were unveiled by the Government yesterday.

The changes reflect new research on airborne pollutants, including diesel particulates, which are linked to heart attacks. Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said the service would be invaluable for vulnerable groups, including people with breath-

Several changes have been which is available via the media and on a freephone

air pollution information

service rather than the air

quality service, will rate pollution levels as low,

moderate, high and very

ed the air as very good,

good, poor and very poor.

The rating system and ad-

vice to vulnerable groups

have also been designed to

reflect better the bealth

findings from a cross-de-

partmental group, the Committee on the Medical

most important is the addition of particulates, tiny flecks of soot also called PM10s. They are generated by sources including diesel fumes. Particulates settle deep inside the lung and are linked with a wide range of respiratory symptoms. Long-term exposure increases the risk of death from heart and lung disease.

Another addition is carbon monoxide, the colourless, odourless gas pumped out by car exhausts that slows down the blood's ability to carry oxygen to the heart and brain.

CATEGORIES SET OUT DANGER TO HEALTH

chaired by Stephen

Low means: "Effects are

unlikely to be noticed by individuals who know they

Moderate means: "Mild

effects unlikely to require action, may be noticed

High means: "Significant effects may be noticed by sensitive individuals and

action to avoid or reduce

these effects may be needed

(eg. spending less time in

are sensitive

Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, said: People have a right to accurate, comprehensive and timely information on the air they breathe - the system we are launching today makes that a

reality.
I believe that our new system gives people here more access to information on national air pollution levels than anywhere else in the world."

Asthmatics will find that

Very high means effects

their inhaler is likely to

en. "The risk to healthy

individuals is very small at

all levels of air pollution

likely to be experienced in

the UK. However, because

the 'very high' band has no upper limit, it is possible

that individuals not usually

sensitive to pollution may

notice effects, including eye

reverse the effects."

information system, brought in by the previous Government, was misleading and hid Transparency in Governtrue levels of smog. Often it would describe the action like this which enables air quality as being good when people to judge our progress in achieving our air pollution at least one pollutant hazardous to asthmatics or those with

> health guidelines. Tim Brown, of the National Society for Clean Air, said: "After years of campaigning we now have a pollution information system that the public can trust.

heart conditions was breaking

and night; and enables them to play their part, for instance by avoiding that journey by

car on days when pollution

groups have been pushing for

an improved service amid claims that the old air quality

Campaigners and green

levels are high."

"We will be urging local authorities to adopt this syspaigns. Lack of trust in the previous system meant that different authorities devised their own information and alert thresholds."

Tony Bosworth, of Friends of the Earth, called the system an improvement. It was up to the Government, along with local authorities and transport operators, to devise a strategy for responding to high pollu-



Nicola Vincent she did not take the prescribed medicine for food poisoning

Daughter died after meal made by father

BY IAN MURRAY

A GIRL aged ten died of food poisoning three days after eating a summer Sunday lunch of egg salad. An in-quest was told that unlike her mother, who also became ill after the lunch, the girl had not taken the medicine prescribed by a doctor.

Nicola Vincent was a healthy youngster with an aversion to pills and treatment in general, her mother, Christine, told the Norwich Coroner on Tuesday.

When they both became ill two days after eating the egg salad, which had been prepared by her husband, David, a doctor was called to their home in Norwich and gave them medicine. Mrs Vincent took it, went to bed and woke to find her daughtaken to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and placed on a life-support machine, but died later that day. Tests showed that she and

her parents had been infected with the same Salmonella enteritidis bacteria. Sara Branford, a food safety officer, said that the source of the poisoning had not been traced. A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

It is rare for young, healthy people to be killed by

checked against a metwork o

Girl's murder other killings

DETECTIVES seeking the killer of the Exeter schoolgirl Kate Bushell said yesterday that they were examining possible links with other murders. Details of the killing of the fair-haired 14-year-old as she walked a neighbour's dog will be compared with unsolved

Detective Superintendent John Smith, deputy head of Devon and Comwall CID. said: "We are looking at all outstanding murders in the country. It is possible he has

struck before " A criminal psychologist yes-terday joined the 120 officers working on one of the biggest investigations by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. Rich-ard Badcock, of the National Crime Faculty at Bramshill police training college, Hampshire, will draw up a personality profile of the likely killer.

Mr Smith said: "It is possible the man who killed Kate knew

her but it is more likely he was a stranger. We have been looking at people who have committed offences in the particularly sexual

Detectives renewed appeals for sightings of an apparently ning from the area of the field where the girl's father found her with her throat cut on

Saturday night. The man vanished into are estate. Detectives are also trying to trace a man seen beside a blue van in the lane

who may have seen the killer. They are checking security videotapes from shops and the nearby St David's railway station and have used the new Register of Sex Offenders to trace known paedophiles living in the area. Police are to

show a video of thegirl acting in a village hall morality play. They hope it will jog

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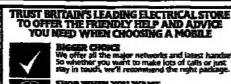
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Children in care still suffering appalling abuse

CHILDREN in care continue to face appalling sexual and physical abuse from staff, foster parents and peers, despite a succession of government inquiries, according to a report published yesterday.

People like Us, the report by Sir William Utting ordered in June after abuse scandals in homes in North Wales and London, found evidence that serial child abusers were evading vetting procedures and causing misery for thou-sands of children in residential care and foster homes. Recommendations made by previous inquiries aimed at rooting out abusers had not been fully implemented.

Children were sent to inappropriate homes because of a lack of places; runaway children were often returned to their abusers, and more than a third of those in care received little or no education. Private fostering and small residential homes and schools often escaped all regulation.

Sir William recommends setting up a national agency to oversee the care system. regulation of private fostering agencies and small residential homes, and an expansion

Frank Dobson, the Health

Secretary, said he would of abuse". Those cared for at chair a ministerial task force to consider the findings. This report presents a woeful tale of failure at all levels to provide a secure and decent childhood for some of the most vulnerable children," he said in a Commons state-ment. Elementary safe-

guards were not put in place or not enforced." John Maples, the Shadow Health Secretary, said the Conservatives would give "positive and constructive consideration" to government moves to resolve the system's

The 8,000 children in residential homes in England and Wales and the 33,000 with foster parents are at risk because vetting procedures fail to spot serial abusers who torment hundreds of victims. Sir William says that measures recommended by the Warner report into the care rigorous checking of criminal records, employment history and references, had not been implemented in many homes.

Children in private foster care, which currently escapes local authority regulation, were "extremely vulnerable and at very considerable risk

residential institutions with fewer than four residents were also at risk because such homes were exempted from the provisions of the 1989 Children Act.

Data protection laws pre-vented social services ex-

changing information on suspect carers, and staff who suspected colleagues of abuse feared victimisation by managers if they reported their misgivings, or found they were not believed or were

Staffing was a "chronic problem", training often inadequate, and a lack of choice was leading social services to place children in inappropriate kinds of care. Vulnerable children had been sent to homes where they were bul-lied by "fearsome" peers or foster siblings because of the poverties of care resources available to local authorities. Provision varied widely between councils.

Sir William, chairman of the National Institute for Social Work, makes 20 recommendations, including a -national strategy to raise standards across the care sector and to protect children let down by the system.



Sir William Utting, who makes 20 recommendations, found those made earlier had not been fully implemented

Similar advice in the Warner report was ignored by the Government.

He says local authorities should ensure enough residential and foster care is available to provide correctly for every child; foster parents should be appointed in line with a new code of practice; and private fostering should be regulated. Unregistered

foster care should become a criminal offence. Other recommendations include requiring staff to raise concerns they may have about colleagues' behaviour, and allowing care agencies to exchange information on staff more freely.

Children's charities welcomed the report yesterday its recommendations were We can't let that happen this implemented. "All children time." living away from home are The National Association vulnerable to abuse, and for Foster Care said it sup-

these measures are construcported Sir William's recomtive and workable." Mike Taylor, director of children's mendations for recruitment and registration of private services at the NSPCC, said. agencies. ☐ People like Us (Stationery What concerns me is that successive Governments have

Office: £25). A free summary is available from PO Box 410.

One third are left without education

MORE than a third of children in care or with foster parents are receiving no education, says the report. Education authorities and social services departments fall to co-operate over their needs, and head teachers concerned about league table positions are reluctant to admit pupils from prob-lem backgrounds.

The establishment of grant-maintained schools independent of local education authorities is said to have compounded the problem by making it harder to involve schools in drawing up care

"It produces a seandalous situation in which the life prospects of these young people may be irretrievably damaged," says the report. Local authorities are urged to take a corporate approach, ensuring education and health needs as well as supervision and accommo-

110,000 children at independent boarding schools in England and Wales receive a largely clean bill of health, although a ban on corporal punishment is demanded, after evidence that brutal canings still take place on the margins of the public school

A Barnardo's survey this year found that 75 per cent of children in care left with no educational qualifications.

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ed against * £18m network of juvenile jails planned to counter criticism

THE Home Office is planning a network of jails for juveniles after the publication yesterday of a critical report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons on the treatment of offenders aged under 18.

Up to eight young offender institutions are to be converted to hold 2,600 teenagers aged 15-18, who often have to mix with older and more experienced offenders. . The £18 million proposal to de-

tain juveniles separately from adults was announced yesterday as Sir Dayid Ramsbotham, the Chief inspector, called for all offenders from jails and looked after by a

The Home Office is to convert up to eight young offender institutions after a report attacked the treatment of teenagers, Richard Ford writes

separate youth justice organis-ation. Its members would be drawn from the social services, probation service and voluntary organisations. He said that prisons were not equipped to handle teenage boys and girls, some as young as 15. or to tackle their problems and

tions in which many young offenders were detained "as a lottery", with too many locked in their cells for 23 hours a day with little education or exercise. In a survey of the treatment of young offenders in England and Wales, he discovered one institution where immates were drawn by others.

He said: "More damage is done to immature adolescents than to any other type of prisoners by current conditions. The vast majority of young people in custody need individual attention given to the problems which produced their criminal behaviour.

"If all they get is akin to being stored in a warehouse, then the chances of their reoffending creating yet more victims, is very great Sir David said his plan to remove

Sir David condemmed the condi- pieces from children's colouring after by other bodies, such as social teenagers aged 15-18, in England Cross young offender institution (published by the Home Office)

sations, was not a "soft option". He told a press conference at the Home Office in Landon: "The soft option is to do nothing. To lock people up for 23 hours a day is the easy option. The hard option is to challenge these people."

ordered these reports before

There are 2,643 youngsters aged 15-17 and 8,357 aged 18-21 in adult prisons or young offender institutions, according to the latest

Richard Tilt. Director General of the Prison Service, said his officials were preparing plans for seven or

and Wales. "We have started work to create a separate under-18 estate out of existing facilities by nominating certain young offender institu-tions as under-18s only." he said. But he gave a warning that, by creating a separate estate for the 15-

18 age group, some young offenders would be held further away from their homes. Mr Tilt said that it was estimated that the extra costs involved in providing a regime targeted at the teenagers would be about £18 million a year.

His figures are based on the current annual cost of the intensive

near Warrington. That was E23,000 per year per place, con-pared with £16,000 in an ordinary voung offender institution and £100,000 in some local authority secure accommodation.

Under the Warrington regime, young offenders have a daily 16hour programme beginning at 6am. The regime includes cleaning duties, drill, education, anger management courses, physical education, working for charity and eventual work experience.

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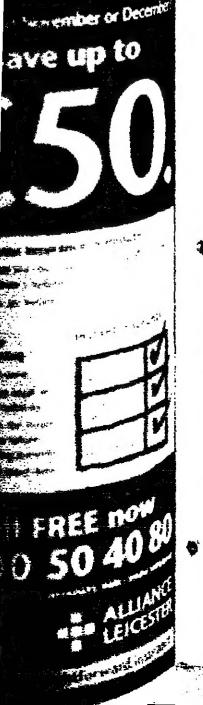
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Newcastle

kicks out

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stadium

proposal

By PAUL WILKINSON

PLANS for a £65 million-

super-stadium to house the

Newcastle United soccer team

have been scrapped in the face

of mounting opposition to the club's preferred site on green-

belt land close to the city

Newcastle had hoped to

build a continental-style sport-

ing club encompassing the

city's rugby and ice hockey sides as well as athletics and

But their chosen site at Castle Leazes Moor, close to their St James' Park ground, outraged local opinion, upset

by the demise of a central green pasis which had been

open to the public since medi-

eval times. It is also within a

Last night the city council, which had supported the

scheme and offered assistance

opposition from local pressure groups such as No Business on the Moor and Friends of Leazes Park who were backed by the Friends of the Earth. They gathered 18,0000 signa-

tures on a petition opposing TUC also came out against the The club also feared a

lengthy and costly public in-

quiry and business analysts felt the enormous cost to the recently floated organisation would hit its stockmarket

Further, with the arrival of

v years away - many obervers questioned the need

pay-per-view television only a

for a huge stadium when

supporters could stay at home

It is understood that the

James Park by adding an ex-

tra tier, increasing its current

36,500 capacity to around

Lesley Harrison, of No

"Hopefully this will be the end

people go there every day and

Football, pages 48, 49 & 52

to follow matches.

45,000.

other sports.



Mystery of the trawler lost without trace

MYSTERY surrounded trawler feared lost off Land's End last night. The vessel with four crew carried a satellite distress beacon designed to trigger automatically if it sank. So far, it has remained

Coastguards called off the search yesterday for the 70ft Cornish vessel Margaretha Maria which was due back into port at Newlyn on Monday night after a week's fishing. The owners appealed for the search to continue, but a coastguard spokesman said: We have nowhere left to

The crew of the blue-andwhite trawler included John Todd, who was 46 on Tuesday, and his son Kerry, 24, from St Buryan. John Todd's wife



vessel's skipper

Moira and younger son Niall, 21, were being comforted by relatives last night.

The vessel was skippered by Robert Holmes, 43, known locally as Scots Robbie. He has two sons aged 21 and 17, and a girlfriend, Rose Williams. The fourth missing

The Margaretha Maria: search was called off

Nimrod out again. Godfrey Adams, manager of Trelawney Fish, owners of the boat, said yesterday: "We are very disappointed the search has been called off. We felt it could have continued. We understand the weather conditions are due to deteriorate later, but we did give the coastguards a smaller area we would have liked to see searched. It's far too early to cease the search.

ried with three young child-

ren. There had been no radio

contact with the boat since she

set sail on Tuesday last week.

RAF Kinloss in Scotland

scoured the 2,500 square miles

of fishing grounds between 30 and 150 miles south west of

Land's End on Tuesday and sighted debris. A helicopter

from RAF Culdrose identified

it as green fishing nets and red fish boxes, which could have

been swept overboard from a number of fishing boats in

recent heavy seas.
Other fishing boats and the

fisheries protection vessel HMS Barclay joined the search, but with force-eight

gales forecast and no specific

area to search, coastguards

have decided not to send the

A Nimrod aircraft from

The crew are all very experienced fishermen who have been fishing out of Newlyn for some time. All are very good people. We are in



The women who wait from left, Moira Todd, Rose Williams and Tracy Marshall

constant touch with the crew's families. With all the rough weather, she may be holed up somewhere with a broken radio. We certainly hope so."
In 1995 another Trelawney

Fish boat, the Provider, sank off the coast of north Devon with the loss of three crew. The port of Newlyn was subdued sombre yesterday with small knots of people discussThe coastguard spokesman said that they would continue to broadcast appeals for sightings of the missing vessel. He said: "We have called off the search because we don't know where else to look. It's possible the vessel is sheltering in a small harbour, but we simply don't know. We will continue the search by electhe trawler on the radio and

asking other vessels to keep a lookout for her." The Newlyn harbourmaster. Andrew Munson, said that there were reports that other vessels had been in radio contact with the Margaretha Maria while she was operating 30 to 40 miles south of her home port. The area has been hit by gale-force winds in the last few days, but other vessels continued to operate without difficulty.

in drawing up a planning application, was being told the project was dead. The controlan device ling Labour group had agreed to go against its own development plan for the city after Sir John Hall, the millionaire developer who was then club chairman, threatened to move out of the city to a site across the Tyne in Gateshead. Before last night's meeting neither side would comment publicly on the plan's future.
It is understood that the club had thought the scheme would be popular and had not envisaged the huge level of

Open verdict on burnt mother

was abducted by two men, bundled blindfold into a car, doused with petrol and then set alight on the steps of a church may remain a mystery for ever, an inquest was fold vesterday. Tracey Mertens, 31 was

with her common law hushand and two children in Birmingham, blindfolded and driven in a yellow Ford Escort by two men to Christ Church.

in Eaton, Cheshire.

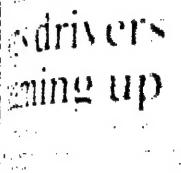
She suffered appalling burns and died in hospital 24 hours later on Christmas Eve, 1994, after giving detectives an account of what happened. But a senior police officer told the inquest in Macciestield, Cheshire, that although the inquiry had generated 1,800 statements and 2,000 interviews, detectives were unable to corroborate her account. John Hibbert, the coroner,



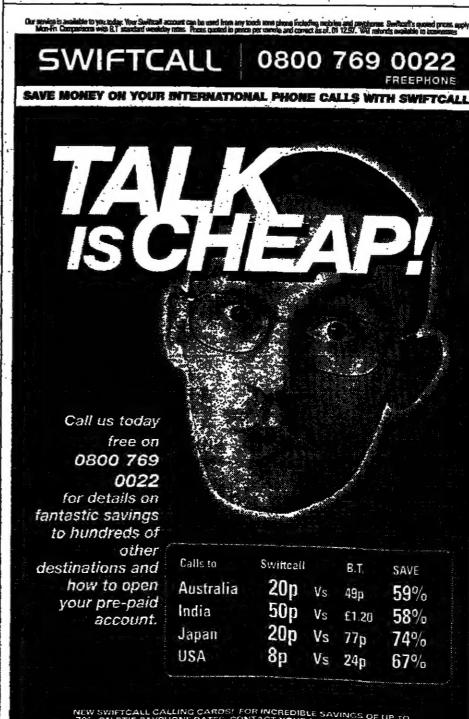
Mertens: was doused in petrol and set alight

said it was clear that Ms Mertens had died of burns but he recorded an open verdict "reluciantly" because there was insufficient evidence.

Business on the Moor, said: After the hearing Barbara Mertens, the dead woman's of them planning to build on Leazes Moor. Thousands of mother, made an appeal for witnesses to come forward. She said: "We were rather it is a popular attraction." upset at the verdict but there couldn't be any other."







Newcastle ! kicks out football **stadium** proposal

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Gary Glitter arrested in child porn inquiry

INDECENT photographs of children have been seized by police investigating claims that the veteran pop star Gary Glitter was in possession of

child pornography.

The pictures were discovered at a London address after staff at a computer store claimed to have found explicit pictures of children on a computer that the performer had taken in for repair. Mr Glitter, whose real name is Paul Gadd, was arrested at PC World in Bristol when he arrived to collect it.

While he was being ques-tioned, officers searched his homes in Somerset and London and seized a number of videotapes as well as "nu-merous indecent photographs of children".

Mr Glitter, who is divorced with two children, was bailed to report back to a Bristol police spokesman said: "We can confirm that a 53-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of possessing com-puter child pornography. He **COMPUTER LAW**

Technicians who discov ered illegal material in the course of fixing a home their rights provided they did not break a password or encryption code to get it, a member of Scotland Yard's computer crime unit said yesterday. The officer, who did not wish to

police bail pending further

number of videos were seized.

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of children have been seized.

The computer in question is being held by police and will

protected files. He said it Police officers were the only people authorised by

has now been released on-Steve Tootle, president of the Gary Glitter Official Fan inquiries concerning indecent photographs of children. Offi-Club, said yesterday. "All the fans are right behind Gary, and while we don't yet know cers searched a house at Wedmore in Somerset, using powers under the Police and the full story, the fact he has Criminal Evidence Act and a been released without being charged has, in our eyes, got to "I can also confirm that we have searched an address in

say something."
The Old Smithy, Mr Clitter's stone-built cottage in Wedmore, was deserted yesterday. Outside the house discarded computer boxes and

modern connector, used to link a personal computer in the

Neighbours said that he was often seen jogging through the village dressed in black, but generally kept him-

Gary Glitter shot to fame in the early 1970s with a string of hits including three manber ones. I'm the Leader of the Gang, I Love You Love Me Love, and Always Yours.

Part Two, recently featured on the soundtrack of the hit movie The Full Monty, about a group of Sheffield steel workers who turn to stripping

His "anthem". Rock 'a Roll

agement company said that this year's ten-date mur, starting in Cardiff on December 9,

Mr Glitter fought back from alcohol addiction and bank-ruptcy in the 1980s. Recently he has turned to Buddhism and become a vegetarian.



Glitter: shop staff claimed to have found explicit pictures of children on his computer

Sadist gets life after girl's death by torture

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A SADIST who systematicaly tortured his young girlriend for up to four weeks before drowning her in the bath was jailed for life

James Smith, 49, was found guilty of murdering Kelly Anne Bates, 17, on April 16 last year after keeping her prison-er at the home they shared in

Gorton, Greater Manchester. Mr Justice Sachs told Smith that he was a highly danger ous abuser of women and recommended that he serve at least 20 years before being considered for release. "This has been a terrible crime, a catalogue of depravity by one human being on another."

showed that Miss Bates's eyes had been gouged out up to three weeks before she died. partially scalped and starved. Manchester Crown Court was told that Smith, unemployed, had been clinically diagnosed as a sadist and had a long history of violence

German device stops drivers steaming up

A DEVICE that can warm up a car in a few seconds in winter, rapidly defrosting windows, has been developed

The breakthrough may also reduce pollution and engine wear by bringing the engine up to operating temperature more quickly. Cars, even those fitted with catalytic converters, emit large amounts of fumes when the engine is cold.

The device, developed by a team at the Franchofer Technology Development Group in Stuttgart, is called LWS for latent heat reservoir.

that melts at 70C, but beomes solid again at low mperatures. A vacuum bottie full of the salt is attached. to the engine cooling system. When the car is running, waste heat is sent through the heater unit, melting the salt, according to the New

When the engine is turned off, the insulated bottle keeps the salt mostly molten for up to 20 hours even with temperatures outside as low as -18C. In cold weather.

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ignition, engine cooling water is diverted to the sait reservoir where it picks up the heat. "Within a minute the defrester is producing air at 40C," Azel Amann, of the

group, said. The system has been designed so that on very cold days the heat taken from the salt reservoir goes into warm-ing up the inside and demisting or defrosting the

inderrece.

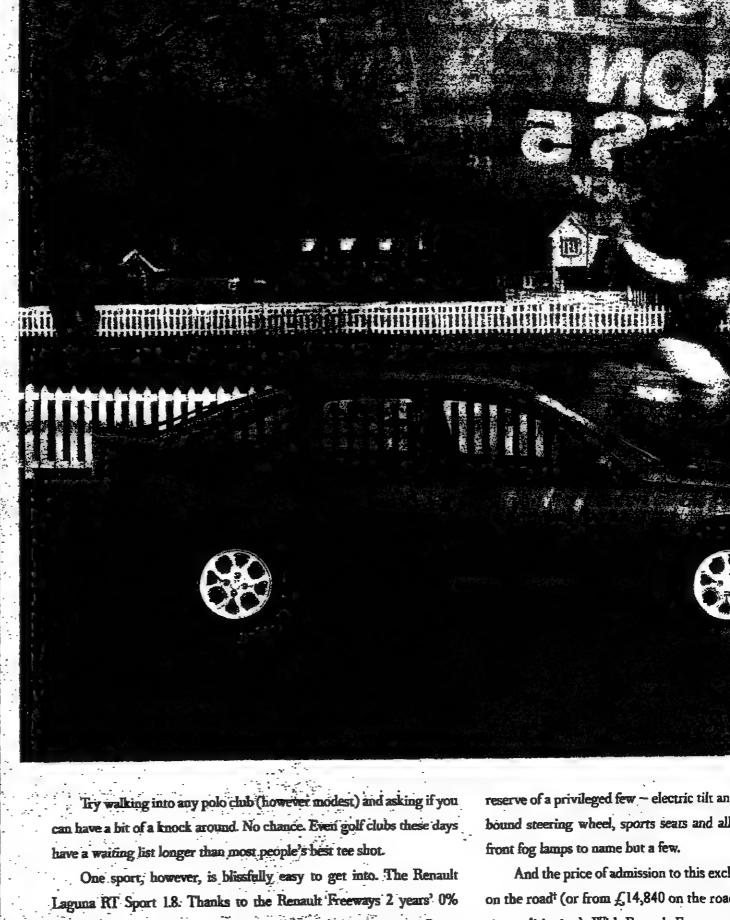
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west," Herr Amann said. The device is being made by Modine Laengerer & Reich, and it is being offered as an optional extra on some BMW Secrics cars. ...

Herr Amanin says the croup took advantage of a enon called phase change to develop the system. Overcoming the cold start that many cars suffer should help reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides and other pollutants linked with winter



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Judge overrules parents' beliefs to let baby die

A BABY girl suffering from a fatal degenerative disease should be allowed to die against the wishes of her parents, the High Court in

London ruled yesterday.

Doctors treating the 16month-old child for spinal muscular atrophy want to withdraw artificial ventilation but her parents, who are Orthodox Jews, object on religious grounds.

The girl, known as C, weighs 121b and is unable to move her arms or legs. Her suffering will increase before death, which usually comes at 18 months in similar cases, the court was told. She recognises her parents and smiles when they visit her.

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division of the High Court, decided that it was in the baby's best interests to let doctors withdraw the ventilation, which would lead to "inevitable" respiratory failure. The parents are prepared for the ventilator to be withdrawn at some stage but want their daughter to be reventilated if she suffers respiratory

"Whilst the sanctity of life is vitally important, it is not the paramount consideration." Sir Stephen said in a written judgment. "The paramount consideration here is the best

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their daughter interests of little C. The medi-

cal evidence is not in dispute. There is no issue in this case that this is a fatal disease and that in real terms this little child is approaching death. She has a desperately tragic existence. She is emaciated. Although she is conscious, there is the prospect of increased suffering as the days

The parents, who have other children, are unable to bring themselves to face the "inevitable future", Sir Stephen said. "I have the very greatest sympathy for these unfortunate parents. They are very brave and are seeking to support so far as they can their

treasured little daughter. "But understandably they cannot bring themselves to accept that she should not be fer a respiratory arrest."

The girl's mother gave a moving account of the family's objections in an affidavit sub-mitted to the court. "Religion plays an important part in the life of myself and my family." she said. "We are all Orthodox Jews and live our lives by those values. One of the principles fundamental to our reli-gion is that life should always ne nreserved.

Another is that someone of our faith cannot stand aside and watch a person die where their intervention could prevent that death. In such a case, the person that stands by will subsequently be punished by

Medical evidence was given that life-sustaining treatment delayed death without significant alleviation of suffering, indefinite ventilation would produce increasing distress and inevitably involve a tracheotomy operation under anaesthetic, which might give

rise to epilepsy.

The child was admitted to hospital in March but allowed home after a few days. She was readmitted in July but was well enough to go with her parents to Israel in October. She became ill and has been in intensive care in

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AT HALFORDS



Dr Moor arrives at the police station. He insists he administered pain relief only

Doctor is questioned on death of man, 85

A DOCTOR at the centre of a row over remarks that allegedly supported cuthanasia returned to a police station to answer questions yesterday.

David Moor, 50, went to

Northumbria Police's Newcastle West End station yesterday afternoon to answer buil, as part of the force's continuing investigation into the death of a cancer patient, George Liddell, a former ambulance driver who died at the

age of 85.

Mr Liddell died on July 19.

Dr Moor had been at his bedside along with the patient's daughter. Doreen, and her husband Tom, a 65-yearold retired BT engineer. However, the doctor insists that he administered pain relief to Mr Liddell, and not a lethal

Dr Moor said that he was unable to comment when approached yesterday as he left his surgery in nearby Fenham for his appointment with the police officers.

The British Medical Association had urged police to investigate statements made by two doctors. Dr Moor, who has been in practice for almost 30 years, had spoken in support of patients needing help "on the way to a pain-free release from their agony and

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Tailor of Gloucester's shop is sold

The shop near Gloucester Cathedral immortalised by Beatrix Potter as the home of the Tailor of Gloucester has been sold for £75,000 by her publisher, Frederick Warne & Co, to a Cumbrian firm. which plans a major tourist attraction. The story, published in 1903, was Potter's favourite.

Road fire death

Victor Kirk, 56, from Bookham, Surrey, was burnt to death when his Rolls-Royce crashed head on into a lorry whose back wheels had locked up on the A25 at Abinger, an inquest at Woking was told. Verdict: accidental death.

Body found

The body of Colin Randall, 48, of Sheffield, an Open University lecturer, has been found 15 months after he vanished on a family holiday on Cephalonia. His body was found near a footpath. He is thought to have died from a heart attack.

At a premium

An insurance consultant was delivering an accident form to a house at Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, when his Ford Mondeo was damaged by a fire engine on an exercise to see if it could manoeuvre down the narrow street.

Lost Web site

An elderly couple drove nearly 100 miles from Portsmouth to BBC Thames Valley Radio in to visit the BBC Web site, and

Film buffs are given chance to take credit for donations

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE British Film Institute is offering members of the public a supporting role in some of the classics of British

individual's name to the credis of films such as Anthony Asquith's 1952 The Impo ring Michael Redgraye, and Carol Reed's 1948 The Faller

group of other donors.

The institute hopes the scheme will raise funds for distoric material in the Nathown at the National Film Theatre in London and other

the early 1950s, which need to

needs to raise about £5 miltion in matching funding. Among recent restoration projects are Michael Powell's

iscovered His Lordship. made between 1931 and 1937, which will be screened on Saturday as part of the London Film Festival. Anne Fleming, curator of the film archive, said: "We very much hope that people

who love and value British

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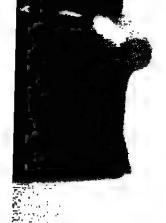
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Jowell struggles to justify tobacco sponsorship move

TESSA JOWELL has been summoned to a Commons hearing next week after failing to satisfy a committee of MPs yesterday on why the Government is backing the exemption of Formula One from a

tobacco sponsorship ban. The Public Health Minister was given a rough ride by the European Legislation Select Committee, which demanded that she return to be cross-questioned for a further two and a half hours at a standing committee that all MPs can attend. The decision came after Ms Jowell admitted that the Government did not know what proportion of Formula One's income was dependent on tobacco sponsorship and confirmed that health ministers

had not met representatives from Britain will argue for a perma-nent exemption for Formula One when European health ministers meet on December 4 to discuss the the EU directive that would ban tobacco sponsorship of sport. How-ever, Ms Jowell hinted that the Government would not vote against

permanent exemption_ Yesterday she faced a series of difficult questions from both Tory and Labour members of the 16strong committee. But Jimmy Hood, the Labour chairman, made sure that she was never seriously in trouble. When Tories persistently asked questions which she struggied to answer, he intervened to take questions from other MPs.

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Committee of MPs requires minister

to undergo more

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Jill Sherman

The chivalrous Mr Hood also took exception when the Euro-sceptic Bill Cash (C. Stone) asked Ms Jowell whether she had consulted her husband, David Mills, who has connections with the motor racing industry. Mr Mills, a lawyer resigned as a non-executive director of the Formula One company Benetton Formula on May 20.

Mr Hood tried in vain to deter Mr Cash. Ms Jowell, stony faced, eventually replied: "I would simply say that my husband's previous association with Formula One has been entirely disclosed to the Permanent Secretary and to the Cabi-net Secretary. The correspondence is with the Permanent Secretary and the discussion about this directive has been with officials and

Earlier Ms Jowell insisted that the Government's present negotiating position was still to exempt Formula One permanently from the ban. But she later binted that the exemption could be limited if this proved to the only way to reach a

common position. She made clear that other countries such as Germany, Austria, Greece, Denmark and The Netherlands were also planning to block the EU directive.

She was asked by Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes) whether she was advocating a permanent exemption or simply reporting discussions taking place elsewhere. She replied: "Our position is that

we are seeking an exemption for Formula One from the directive, which means that Formula One would be specifically exempted from the directive."

Quentin Davies (C, Grantham nd Stamford) challenged Ms Jowell on why the Government had not sought to discover Formula One's dependence on tobacco spon-sorship. "I can't understand how you could make a decision that was rational, or responsible or that was fair based on contrasting the different degrees of dependence of different sports on tobacco sponsorship without having discovered the actual degree of dependence — that's to say the proportion of their total income — which Formula One

Ms Jowell replied: "The concern that we have is about the visibility of advertising . . . It's not so much the spending, the money that tobacco companies pay to sport . . . it's the fact that in return for sponsorship money they get advertising."

Leading article, page 23



Tessa Jowell setting out for the committee meeting yesterday

Basic state pension may be replaced

THE Government presented its proposals yesterday for a new "stakeholder" pension, which could become a compulsory scheme replacing the present state pension.

The stakeholder pension. intended as a supplement to the basic state scheme, is aimed at the self-employed, part-timers, the low paid and workers on short-term contracts. The idea is to offer an option cheaper than the personal pensions through pooling savings in schemes based on an industry or occupation.

Several organisations that responded to an initial consultation on pensions have warned the Government that the scheme cannot work unless it is compulsory. Frank Field, the Welfare Minister, is also in favour of compulsion. but this would mean phasing out the state earnings-related pension, which Labour, in its manifesto, pledged to retain "for those who wished it", A consultation document

issued yesterday skirts round the issue but confirms that ministers are considering compulsion. It says: The Government will respond on the issue of compulsion, as on all major issues raised in the review in due course."

The document also details a proposed Citizen's Pension for those unable to contribute to a second pension, such as long-term carers.

Oxbridge safe with us, says minister

By POLLY NEWTON

THE Government will protect educational standards at Oxford and Cambridge whatever the outcome of a review into funding of the two universi-

ties, a minister said yesterday.

Kim Howells, the junior Education Minister, made the promise at the end of a Commons debate on the grant paid annually to Oxford and Cambridge to meet the cost of their

collegiate tutorial system.
The Government has asked the Higher Education Funding Council to report before it decides whether to scrap the extra payments, which total some E35 million a year. Critics of the proposal argue that it would reduce the quality of teaching at Oxford and Cambridge, but their oppo-nents say that the additional funds allow an elitist system to continue at the expense of

other universities. The debate was initiated by Evan Harris (Lib Dem. Oxford), who said that the whole of British higher education would be harmed if standards at the two "brand leaders" fell. But Dr Howells told MPs: "We will do nothing to endanger standards of excellence at Oxford and Cambridge."

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: trade and industry questions; Public Accounts Com-

Employment summit offers more than well-meaning waffle

THE employment summit of European leaders in Luxembourg should not just be dismissed with a cynical shrug as yet another timewasting exercise in well-meaning international waffle. Of course, the summit will not of itself create any jobs. But it does mark a significant shift in attitudes within the European Union, away from Brusselsled big spending programmes towards national policies moni-tored on an EU-wide basis.

In the past, such job summits have been seen in Britain as have been seen in Britain as calls for greater flexibility, compe-attempts by the Commission — trigo and deregulation, notably when Jacques Deluis Ways 241 The Blair Government therefore

and create expensive pro-grammes. These foundered on opposition from Germany, as well as Britain, on budgetary grounds. Government's repeated public attacks on the European social model irritated other countries especially France. Ministers flaunted the Anglo-American approach in face of Continental views about "social solidarity", even though policymakers privately sympathised with Mr Major's

policy had already begun to shift in the rest of Europe. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown have been able to bridge the gap with other countries, both in rhetoric, by emphasising social cohesion as well as flexible markets, and, in substance, by putting forward proposals for a more active government role in getting people off welfare and encouraging what is now called "employability".

The new strategy, agreed by finance and employment ministers on Monday, matches the approach adopted in the run-up to monetary union; whereby broad EU-wide

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for improving labour market flexibility and training. The idea of formal targets for creating jobs and reducing unemployment has been rejected at German insistence, but each country will have to produce an action plan setting out how it will encourage entrepre-neurship, employability, adaptability and equal opportunities. There will be no additional money and only a limited reallocation of sts. The results will be reviewed at the Cardiff summit next year. Mr Blair and Mr Brown can fairly point to the influence of their ideas and policies.

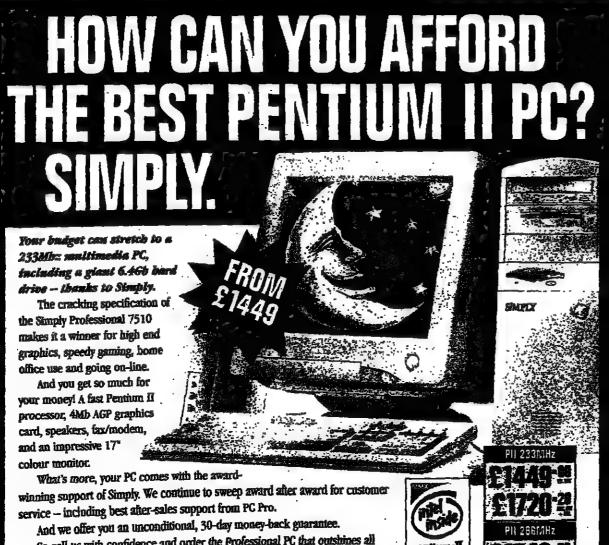
We will see how all this is presented at the end of the summit. There is always a danger in Britain of exaggerating the significance of talk by European minis-ters about social "solidarity" and "social partners". Both the Jospin and Prodi governments regard this is as necessary to persuade trade unions to accept change. including welfare and labour market reforms. That is why the commitments in France and Italy to a 35-hour working week should not

be taken at face value. Of course, there are still big differences in attitudes, but the Commission and many member countries now accept that much of the 18 million unemployment in the EU is because of structural rigidities.

The question is whether these moves threaten competitiveness. Mr Blair has been keen to ensure that the social cohesion agenda does not produce extra business costs and new regulations; and he is resisting Brussels proposals on mandatory consultation for business. The Government has already done a lot for the unions, by signing the social chapter, proposing a minimum wage, and promissome aspects, but, in general, has accepted Mr Blair's assurances. The new approach to be agreed

at the Luxembourg summit is, of course, part of the preparations for monetary union. The irony is that, despite the Government's belief that Britain will not be ready for some time to join EMU, we already have a more flexible labour market than elsewhere in Europe and aiready fulfil most of the employment guidelines.

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German leader 'spied for East'

Bonn: The so-called "man without a face", the former East German spymaster Markus Wolf, has identified the late statesman Franz Josef Strauss as a key Cold War informant (Deborah Collcutt writes).

Wolf, 74, told the liberal Suddeutsche Zeitung that Strauss, the founder and former leader of the Christian Socialist Union - the sister party to Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats - acted alone and was not paid.

"Strauss was always around when there was good business to be done." Wolf said. "In his time as Nuclear Power Minister in Adenauer's Cabinet, Strauss apparently offered East Germany nuclear material." He died in 1988. when he was Bavaria's

Wolf was this year con-victed of three Cold War kidnappings and given a two-year suspended jail

Paris police swoop on £100m rag trade 'scam of century'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

HUNDREDS of police offi-cers have launched dawn raids in the Sentier clothing district of Paris in an operation to break up a £100 million fraud ring within the French ready-to-wear" industry.

At least 80 people were in custody yesterday, after about 300 police officers moved into the warren of wholesale clothing outlets, manufacturers and boutiques in the city's 10th arrondissement early on Tuesday. The investigation, led by Jean-Pierre Albert and Isabelle Prevost-Desprez, both magistrates, has targeted about 60 clothing firms in the Sentier district, but as many as 700 companies may be involved in the fraud, which one investigator called "the scam of the century".

Using a system of false billing and fake companies. the ring is believed to have defrauded at least 17 banks and other institutions of up to Fr! billion (EIOO million).

Last July a group of ten

banks tipped off legal authorities that Fr350 million francs had not been accounted for. One investigator said the

ring a technique was "as old as the hills". The bogus companies allegedly presented fictitious receipts and bills from other fake companies to the banks, on the basis of which they extracted credit and cash amounting, in some cases, to as much as El million each. Police are also investigating whether bank and credit company staff were accomplices.

The banks, employing private investigators, initially have identified 300 "suspect" clothing companies, but judicial investigators believe that as many as 400 other companies, involved in a second fraud ring, may have taken part in the ruse indirectly.

Most of those under arrest on suspicion of organised theft, fraud and receipt of stolen goods are clothing company owners, whose homes were raided in simultaneous

police operations. Some "criminal fires" at warehouses inthe Sentier district are also being investigated in connection with the alleged fraud. Hundreds of documents,

files and computer disks were confiscated. This evidence will be examined in the coming weeks to try to establish exact dimensions of the theft," a police source said. The Paris financial investi-

gations group has identified a number of suspect transactions involving the transfer of large amounts of money through international financial agencies in Britain, Beldefrauded banks believe that the operation was the work of an organised criminal cartel.

"It is hard to believe that such a well-planned affair, involving such a quantity of money, could have been carried out simply to benefit a few individuals," a bank legal director told Le Parisien



Flags from the European Union countries fly in Luxembourg to herald the special jobs summit starting today

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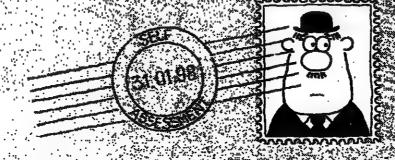
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Blair to prescribe 'caring' cure for EU unemployed

TONY BLAIR will offer the caring labour market as the best medicine for European unemployment when EU leaders gather today for a politically risky summit in Luxembourg. The number of jobless is seen as the most glaring failure of the European Union.

The Government, breaking with the usual Euro-script, in which Britain plays the reluctant partner, is enthusiastic about a prescription that Germany and several other states have accepted through gritted teeth. The decision to seek a common strategy for curbing the jobless rate, now at 18 million or 10.6 per cempof the EU workforce, "amounts the way that Europe looks at employment and employability", according to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor.

After years of resistance to Anglo-Saxon-style reforms, ministers insist Britain is winning the argument and is well-placed, with its EU presidency next year, to nudge Europe towards flexible labour markets and welfare reforms.

Although the Luxembourg recipe has been "precooked" by EU ministers, there is likely to be tension between Britain and France, the other big supporter of EU-wide action on jobs. France's left-wing

Government wants the summit to shore up the old European social model against the ravages of the global free market.
The tension was highlighted yesterday by Pierre Moscovici, the French Minister for Europe, who said that the summit would help Europe to resist Anglo-Saxon "liberalism" and help to create "a Europe of strong intervention for employment". He hoped, he said, that Britain could be prevailed upon to fall in with a

common European tax level. Most EU governments have been playing down the pros-pects of an EU-level remedy to a chronic unemployment rate at least double that of the United States, Japan and Britjor, busikthough in trains it will be the start of a process, an evolution which will afterwards be impossible to stop," Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, said yesterday.

Preparing for the summit, the 15 governments have diluted an ambitious scheme, proposed by Jacques Santer, the President of the Commission. to have the EU commit itself to creating 12 million jobs in five years. Instead they have fo-cused on objectives for modernising the workforce through training and the redirection of welfare payments. and easing the burden on

Nato puts bill for expansion at \$1.3bn

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE expansion of Nato with the inclusion of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in 1999 will cost only \$1.3 bil-lion (£860 million) over ten years, the top alliance commanders have estimated after a long investigation.

This figure, which dramati-cally contradicts the Pentagon's estimate of \$27 billion to \$35 billion over 13 years, has been produced by General Wesley Clark, the American Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and Admiral Harold Gehman, the American Atlantic commander. Their findings were approved by Nato's Mili-

tary Committee on Monday. The costs will be met by the present 16 Nato members and the three new ones. The new members will also be expected to spend up to \$3.5 billion of their own funds over the first two years after accession to upgrade their armed forces and equipment to Nato standards, sources said.

.The Pentagon had originally included in its costings the need for all existing European members of the alliance to improve their rapid-deployment capabilities. However, the two Nato commanders concluded that the existing European alliance members had sufficient capabilities to help Poland, Hungary or the Czech Republic in the event of an Article 5 emergency, and that the new member states had adequate airfields and ports to cope with reinforcing. Nato troops.



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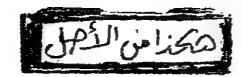
Book costs Chubais finance role

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

ANATOLI CHUBAIS, the Russian First Deputy Prime Minister, will give up his post as Finance Minister in an attempt to appease opposition politicians demanding his dismissal in the wake of a scandal over a \$90,000 (£53,000) book advance, officials said yesterday.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the presidential press secretary, said that Mr Yeltsin and Viktor Chemomyrdin, the Prime Minister, had agreed that the posts of First Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister should no longer be held by the same person. The two men are due to meet today, after which a formal announcement is expected.

Opposition deputies in the State Duma had threatened to cancel a debate on next year's budget unless Mr Chubais was sacked. They agreed finally not to link the budget with personnel issues and the budget debate is now sched-





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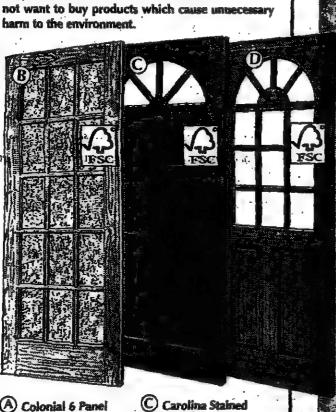
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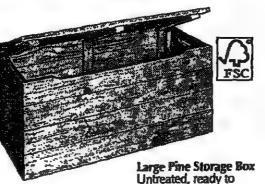
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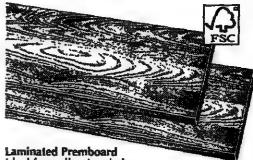
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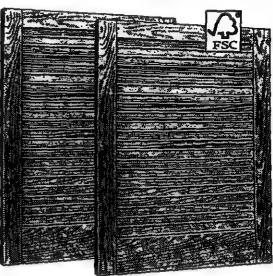
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Bomber suspect dismisses doctors

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE man on trial as the Unabomber has dismissed two psychiatrists who are seeking to show that he is mentally ill and therefore not responsible for bombings that could cost him his life.

In a pre-trial interview, Theodore Kaczynski, 55, "looked me in the face and said, 'You are the enemy'," Dr David Foster, a defence psychiatrist, wrote in an affidavit. He and another psychiatrist working for the defence were barred by Mr Kaczynski from seeing him again after trying to broach the subject of his

mental symptoms.

Faced with what one expert has called "a defence aftorney's nightmare", Mr Kaozynski's embattied legal team staking everything on an "insanity defence" to save the suspected serial bomber from the death penalty. However, his refusal to talk to doctors could help him: a rejuctance to think of oneself as ill is a classic symptom of the para-noid schizophrenia from which Dr Foster and others

They think something else caused their problems, like bad parenting or bad government or too many drugs — anything but being labelled crazy," Professor Ira Glick, of Stanford University, said,

In the meantime, jury selection in his Sacramento trial is in its second week and his lead lawyer is fighting the case in the press. "This is not a man who is feigning mental iliness," Anthony Bisceglie said. "This is a sick man who

Car bomb at Indian film studio kills 23

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

A CAR bomb killed at least 23 people in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad yesterday, the worst atrocity in years of violent rivalry between politi-cians armed gangs. It demon-strated the depth of underworld involvement in the Telugu-language film industry, a huge money-spinner. As in Bollywood, the Bombay-based Hindi film Industry, many movies in Telugu are financed by thugs.

The bomb's target was probably Paritala Ravi, a politician-cum-film producer who was emerging from celebra-tions inside a studio marking the start of a production. A sixman television film crew waiting in the street for the emerging stars all died. Many of the wounded lost limbs, and the death toll is certain to rise.

The explosion happened on a packed street by the D Rama Naidu studio, which had been besieged by people hoping to catch a glimpse of film person-alities. Mr Ravi was injured, but not seriously. The bomb, packed into one of many cars parked near the studio, left wreckage over a wide area.

Mr Ravi is a former leftwing guerrilla with many political and business ene-mies. A number of regional politicians in India have small private armies to advance their commercial and political interests, as well as to eliminate rivals and protect themselves and key supporters. Now an influential member

of the Andhra Pradesh state legislature, Mr Ravi re-nounced guerrilla warfare a decade ago and was pardoned in return for his surrender. The Maoist People's War Group, to which he belonged, hates him. But the organis-ation, which is fighting for a separate communist state carved out of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, was probably not involved in the

The blast, triggered by remote control, injured about 35 people, including Mohan Babu, a popular Tefugu actor and member of the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian parliament. His condition is not life-threatening.

Many southern Indian film stars have become influential politicians, building huge financial empires through almost unbridled power. Some, however, have had speciacular crashes. J. Jayalalitha, once the heartthrob of Tamil Nadu, is fighting to stay out of jail over allegations of massive corruption when she was the state's chief minister.

Yesterday seven policemen died in a landmine blast 140 miles north of the city, the fourth attack of its kind in the past two years by the People's War Group.



Christine Alexander, 12, after being freed by a Taiwanese sought over the kidnap and murder of a television star's teenage daughter, and three other killings. The 24-hour Taipei slege began when Chen Taiwan hostage family released

Chin-bsing took hostage Edward Alexander, a South African defence attaché, and his family. Chen released

him and daughter Melanie hurt in crosstire. Christine and a Taiwanese foster baby were freed next, then her mother, Anne, as Chen surrendered on winning an inquiry into the conviction of murder accomplices. (AP)

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Slander trial for Pakistan leader

Islamabad: Pakistan's Supreme Court has indicted Nawaz Sharif, the country's Prime Minister, for contempt of court [Zahid Hussain writes]. Mr Sharif, the first prime minister to (Lanna riussain writes). Mr Sharit, the first prime minister to face the court, will be tried on a charge of making slanderous remarks at a press conference last month against Sajjad Ali Shah, the chief justice. He is alleged to have publicly criticised a ruling by Justice Shah, a criminal act in Pakistan. Mr Sharif denies contempt, but if found guilty could be disqualified from office. The issue has provoked a constitutional crisis in Pakistan and there is speculation that Mr Sharif will sten down. Mr Sharif will step down.

Refugees flee stricken ship

Rome: Nearly 400 would be immigrants swam to safety after their Turkish boat ran aground off southern Italy (Richard Owen writes). The incident, two weeks after 1.000 Kurds arrived by boat near Lecce, revived fears that a wave of illegal immigrants is undermining the credibility of Italy's commitment to the Schengen agreement on a border-free Europe. The latest refugees were mainly Kurds, but included Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and Sri Lankans.

Albánia envoys fail to defect

London: Pavli Qesku, the Albanian Ambassador in London, London: Pavii Qesku, the Albanian Ambassador in London, and the mission's counsellor tried to defect two months ago after the electoral defeat of Sali Berisha, the former President, it was revealed last night (Michael Binyon writes). Britain refused their applications for asylum, saying that their lives would not be in danger if they went home. A third official run off with the Embassy's bank account. Mr Qesku was recalled and a replacement is apported used recent. was recalled and a replacement is expected next month.

300 Russian army suicides

Moscow: More than 300 Russian servicemen committed suicide in the first nine months of this year, amid bullying of recruits and abysmal living conditions, a human rights activist said. Nikita Chernov, chairman of the Army and Society Association, also said that 1,037 servicemen were killed and 2,106 injured in the first three quarters of 1997 even though Russia's war in Chechnya ended last year. The 314 suicides included a growing number of officers. (AP)

Pledge on Balkan leaders

The Hagne: A former US civil rights lawyer who is to head the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal has promised to build new ties with the Balkan leaders who hinder the United Nations court more often than they beip it. Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, 55, a former law professor and federal judge in Texas, was elected president of the court set up to bring to justice those who committed war atrocities. (AP)

Fire smog clears from Asia

Singapore: The haze that has choked South-East Asia since August has virtually disappeared with the onset of the monsoon season and a reduction in forest fires in Indonesia, regional experts said. Satellite pictures show few hot spots and the Meteorological Service Department in Singapore does not expect the smog to return this year. (AFP)

Mayor seeks city's rebirth

Rio de Janeiro: Elcio Berti, Mayor of Bocaniva do Sul in southern Brazil, has benned sales of condoms and birth control pills in the hope that the resulting population rise will boost the town's tax revenues. He said that over the past 20 years the population had disopped from 22,000 to 8,500. reducing revenues by about two fifths. (AP)

Laptop takeover to put Texas in class of its own

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

TEXAS is on the verge of adopting a plan for schools that would replace textbooks with laptop computers.
With the administration facing a bill iof \$1.8 billion (£1.1 billion) over the next Texas Board of Education says it

equip the state's 3.7 million students with laptop computers and CD-Roms. Jack Christie, the board's chairman, said computer companies would "al-most certainly" be willing to give Texas "a volume discount for four million computers". Once the investment was made, the computer software that six years for books, the head of the curriculum could be update. ed cheaply and frequently. "Why wait would be cheaper and more efficient to for six, seven, eight years to update

history textbooks? The students need them today," he said. "A year ago, we replaced social studies books that still had Ronald Reagan as President, the Berlin Wall standing and the Soviet Union as one country. With laptops besides, children would have access to more current information in a means that is so much more interesting and attention-getting than the traditional

textbook." A Bill to introduce the change by 2000 will be presented in January. Mr Christie has powerful support. Teel Bivins, a Republican senator for a west. Texas district claimed to speak for many when he said: The risys of reasonics and teachers standing at the front of the class are rapidly thanging." Predictably, however, publishers of textbooks oppose the "laptop takeover".



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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

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The astronaut, now a retir-

ing senator, did get back, but

the Pentagon memorandum suggested that if he had non-

then "various pieces of evi-

dence could be manufactured

which would prove electronic

interference [by] the Cubans.
Other schemes hatched by

defence chiefs included Opera-

tion Good Time, which would

have fabricated photographs of an obese Senor Castro

clinging to two beauties in front of a table brimming with

delicacies and accompanied

by a caption "My ration is

AMONG the extraordinary dirty tricks offered to President Kennedy as ways of sabotaging President Castro of Cuba were the faking of photographs of an apparently debauched Señor Castro and murderous plots such as the sinking of a boatload of Cuban refugees as a pretext for

The plans were included in classified documents released by the Pentagon. Dreamt up in tandem with Operation Mongoose, Robert Kennedy's concerted effort to dispose of Señor Castro by any means possible, another proposal, Operation Dirty Trick, included plans to blame Havana for blowing up a US warship in Guantánamo Bay and even to accuse the Cubans of sabotage if John Glenn had failed to

The proposals, released by the Assassination Records Review Board, an agency over-seeing the declassification of documents related to the death of President Kennedy in 1963, were published only weeks after the publication of a book detailing Robert Kennedy's wish to use mobsters in plots, against Señor Castro.

Written by Seymour Hersh. a Pulitzer-prizewinning inves-tigative reporter. The Dark themselves of the Cuban Presi-



Castro: was target for Pentagon dirty tricks

Sara Lee Gateau Double Chocolate Side of Camelot can be lent only greater credibility by the latest notes, reflecting the Kennedys' intense desire to rid

dent. While the CIA, as part of Operation Mongoose, used covert tactics as diverse as hiring Malia hitmen and devising a poisoned diving suit as a gift for the Cuban leader, the Pentagon invented equally bizarre schemes after the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961.
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that America should overthrow Castro. "In view of the increasing military and subversive threat to the United States and the nations of the western hemisphere posed by the Communist regime in Cuba, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that a national policy of early military intervention in Cuba be adopted by the United States," a memorandom from General Lyman emnitzer said.

The previous month, the Cuba Project initiated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, suggested sinking a US warship in Guantanamo Bay or staging the disappearance of a USAF plane with the sole purpose of blaming Cuba.



Aileen Getty with her friend Diana, Princess of Wales, at a London clinic last year

Getty heiress to pose naked at HIV art show

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

HOLLYWOOD'S grandest exhibition space will play host to an extraordinary spectacle tomorrow night when one of four heirs to the vast Getty oil fortune will take off her clothes and pose naked in the Pacific Design Centre as a living art exhibit.

Aileen Getty, 37, who has had the Aids virus since 1984, will be joined by three other naked HIV-positive models and a sign saying "Please touch". Each will also have a phial of his or her own blood.

Ms Getty's decision to take part in the exhibition could not come at a more opportune time for its British designer, Tony Kaye, nor at a more awkward one for the Getty family, as the foundation that bears its name prepares to open a new multibillion-dollar arts centre in the mountains

above Los Angeles. The heiress's struggle with Aids has shone an unwelcome spotlight on a family as dysfunctional as it is rich. "I was pretty much abandoned by the people close to me," she said in a rare personal interview in

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Ariadne, and two brothers, Jean Paul III and Mark, but "no one wanted to hear about the Aids".

Tomorrow's piece of naked similar exhibitions by Mr Kaye in London and New York, but it will have a particularly pointed meaning in Los Angeles, where the Getty Foundation has been variously accused of inflating world art prices and fostering an elitist approach to art appreciation with a vast new arts complex that towers over

the city.

The second grand-daughter of the oil tycoon, J. Paul Getty, she believes she was infected with HIV during an operation to remove ovarian cysts in

She has denied ever using needles to take drugs, but has admitted frequently using marijuana and cocaine, and entering costly clinics to be weaned off them.

Ms Getty has become a prominent advocate for Aids

Zimbabwe MP asks Queen to apologise

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

A ZIMBABWEAN MP has demanded that the Queen should tour the country's ru-ral areas to say sorry for British administrations that selzed land. She also seeks an apology over governments for which Britain was not respon-

Irene Zindi told Parlis-The . Oucen of ment England . . should make a public apology to the Zimbabwean people on British television for the whole

world to note. Then she should come to Zimbabwe to publicly apologise to the Zimbabweans in rural areas, through rallies held at growth points, with a clear denunciation of the mis-deeds of Cecil John Rhodes. Godfrey Huggins (a former Rhodesian Prime Minister) and lan Douglas Smith, who

rejected British authority with his illegal declaration of inde-

pendence in 1966.

Western in plomars, point out that the Labour, Government, has firmly dissociated to the actions of Mr Rhodes. whose pumsu son m Ama Company occupied the comtry in 1890, or any his

Shortly before President Mugabe's first meeting in Edinburgh last month with Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, he demanded that Britain should "pay for its children"—white Zimbabwean farmers - from whom the government intended to seize dearly 1,800 farms to resettle black

Britain said it would be "impossible" to support the Zimbabwean plan.





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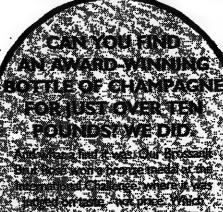
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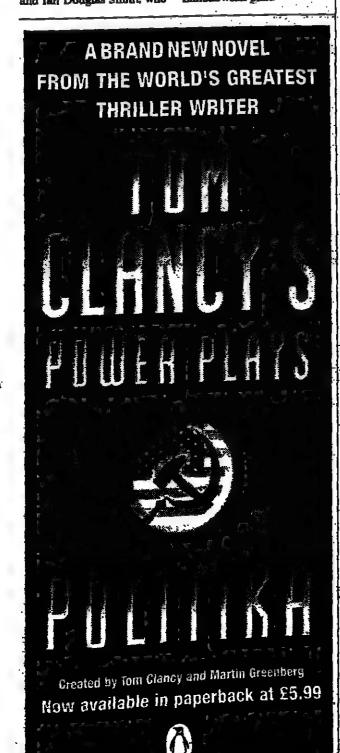
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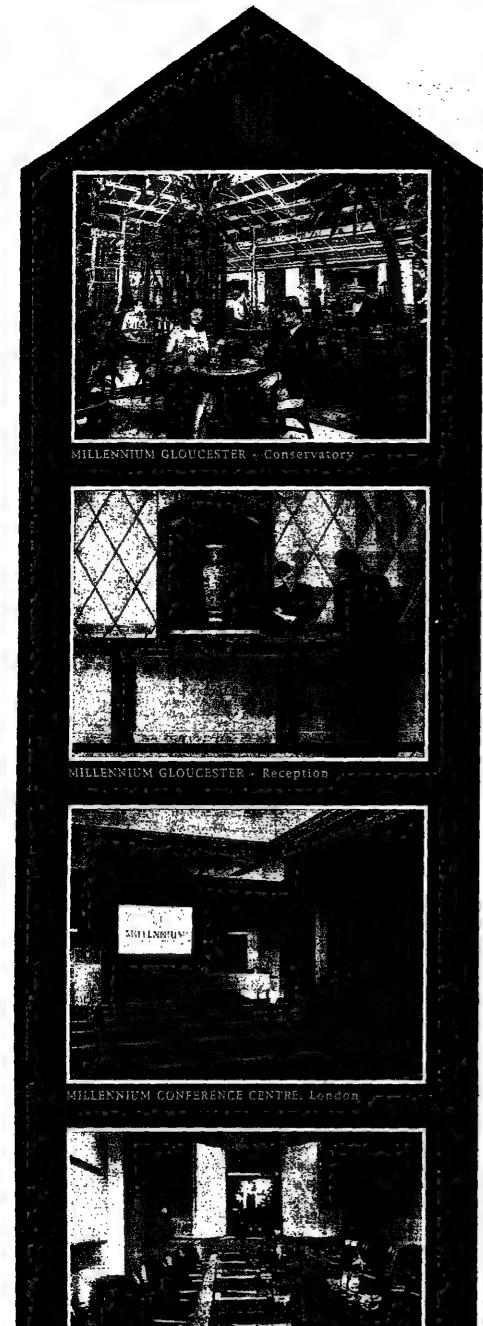
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Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, on an official visit, at the Sphinx in Giza yesterday as Prince Claus, her husband, takes photographs

Luxor bullets ricochet

THE damage that Monday's slaughter of 58 tourists will inflict on Egypt was signalled yesterday when Japan's top travel agency said it was cancelling trips to the country until at least the new year.

Similar reactions are expected elsewhere, posing the most serious threat yet to President Mubarak since he came to power, also as a result of slamic violence, when President Sadat was murdered, on October 14, 1981.

The £2 billion-a-year Egyp-tian tourist trade is the main currency earner after remittances from expatriates, and as such is a major prop for the regime, which is also heavily dependent on aid from the United States

Johannes Zurneiden, director of the Phoenix travel agency in Bonn, said: "People" want to go on holiday and not asked. The idea of security up

The flight of tourists after the massacre signals grimtimes ahead for Egypt, Christopher Walker writes

predicted yesterday that the Egyptian economy, and particularly the stock market, were likely to falter badly. Mubarak's first reaction

lafter Monday's attack |- to appoint a new Interior Minister and to merge the Tourist and Antiquities Police -- was the equivalent of moving chairs on the deck of the Titanic," one senior Cairobased diplomat said. "What is needed is a much more fundamental shake-up in the way that Egypt is governed."
Rastat Muhammad, a Lux-

or shookeeper, was equally cynical, "Didn't anyone know security was loose before?" he

until now has been to set up a. few guardposts on the west-bank (of the Nile) and put two

tired policemen by the site."

Expatriates describe the Egyptian attitude with which Mr Mubarak will have to come to terms as the "Cairo IBM", a phrase that is derived from the three Arabic words most often heard in the capital - "Inshailah" (God willing), "Bukra" (tomorrow) and "Maalesh" (it doesn't matter:

anyway).
Although Mr Mubarak was rected with deferential cries of "God save you, our President." When he drove his own car through the streets of Luxor in a morale-boosting

style of government runs deep. Western governments, which regard him as a linchpin of the present relative stability in the Middle East, have been disturbed by his increasing reluctance to brook domestic criticism and his refusal to react positively to peace offers from one wing of the Islamic

extremists. people like this. There is no point in dialogue with these people," the former air force commander said in dismissing the notion that some form of contact with the radicals may lead to a solution :

President Mubarak's willingress to tolerate a relatively:

free opposition press as a way for critics to let off steam has also eroded, helping to stoke internal tensions. Most observers agree that the main cloud over his regime is corruption. To prevent mounting debate over the claims, Mr Muharak has introduced draconian press restrictions which have been used to suppress the torrent of allegations, including those against his family.

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Widespread public resentment had been countered by recent improvements.

Egypt's economic standing.
The point had just been reached when some of the benefits of privatisation were due to be distributed in the form of an improved welfare system," an Arab diplomat said. That is why Monday's attack and its death knell for tourism is so damaging."

BY ADAM FRÉSCO AND PAUL WILKINSON

women killed in the Luxor: massacre, moved to live in-London four years ago with her husband, although theyseparated a few months before she went on holiday.

The airline stewardess, who has dual British and Bulgarian nationality, was born in Plovtev. Bulgaria, in 1970. She will be taken back to her home country to be buried, probably in Solia, the home of her mother, in the next couple of days. It is thought her hus-band has told officials he does not want to receive the body.

Her sister, Diana, who also lives in London, is on holiday in South Africa but has been contacted by the Foreign Of-fice. She was travelling back to

Europe yesterday.

Ms Wilder, who worked for

SYLVIA WILDER, one of the Monarch Airlines, is believed: to have gone on holiday with a friend who survived the attack. He has said that they tried to run for cover in some caves, but she was shot as she

ran in front of him. In Ripponden, West Yorkshire, Richard Whitton, the father of five-year-old Shaunnah Turner, who died in Luxor with her mother Karina and grandmother Joan, said his daughter was "a beautiful-looking, very intelli-gent young lady, who had the whole world at her feet".

Mr Whitton, 28, who was separated from Karina Turner, said: The evil bastards who took Shaumnah should be here to see my grief ... they would realise that they could never justify this

Woman shot dead Britons sorry to go home as as she ran for cover operators cut holidays short

FROM STEPHEN FARRELL IN LUXOR

BRITISH TOURISTS WERE EVACUE. ated from Egypt by holiday operators yesterday, many protesting their readiness to stay in the aftermath of the

Lintor massacre.

Thomson, the travel company, cut short all package tours in the country, flew holidaymakers to Luxor and then back to Britain on specially-chartered Boeing 757s.
Tour groups were informed they had no choice but to leave, though many wanted to continue Nile cruises and trips to pharaonic temples, insist-

ing there was no need to panic. The first to leave were those already in Luxor, taken out on Tuesday on three Britannia jets. Other holidaymakers were yesterday flown to Luxor from Cairo, Aswan: and Quseir, and bussed to the

Winter Palace Hotel where they were advised to stay for

their own safety. They were then put on coaches, taken to Luxor airport and sent on flights to Birmingham, Manchester and Gatwick, each with a nurse on board.

Kuoni, another tour operator, posted notices in luxury hotels on the banks of the Nile in Luxor saying: "As a safety precaution, we are advising everyone to stay near to their hotel and not to undertake any independent sightseeing until: further notice."

Mervyn Pierce, 66, a retired. company director, and his near Bath, had their £1,800 two-week tour cut short by four days. They had seen the Valley of the Queens on Satur-

day and were in Cairo when the terrorists struck. "We were happy to stay. We

had done all our sightseeing and the last four days were for resting at Luxor. It has been taken out of our hands but we accept the decision," Mr Pierce said. "We continued our sightseeing. Twenty-eight of us on the trip still went on a trip to the Pyramids at Giza after the shootings, and only four didn't

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Peter Heath, a company director from Swamsea, who visited Egypt two years ago, said: "It's a shame we have to heave. We feel safe in the country. Egypt is nice, the people are very friendly and they have all been very apolo-genc. We would definitely come back, but maybe not for

Israel rift 'healed' by meeting at Ascot

between Binyamin Netan-yahu, the Israeli Prime Minis-ter, and King Hussein of Jordan has resolved the crisis caused by Israel's bungled attempt to murder a Harnas official in Amman, according to an Israeli spokesman.

The two-hour conversation at the King's private residence in Berkshire was the first meeting between the two since Mossad agents using forged Canadian passports tried to poison Khaled Meshaal, the Hamas political chief.

"The goal of the meeting in part was to achieve conciliation after the memorable affair in Jordan which shook relations between the countries," said Mr Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak. The way it appeared at the end of the meeting, the relations between the Prime Minister and King Hussein certainly looked

The Israeli media said the meeting was initiated by the King to restore personal relations and to discuss the Iraq crisis Israeli officials said the King wanted assurances that Israel would not violate Jordan's sovereignty if hostilities broke out with Iraq.

Napoleon was tu informal

NAPOLEON and Josephine may have been among the most famous lovers in French history, but an odd hiccup arose early in their marriage over the enduringly tricky question of whether to ad-dress each other formally, as ross, or more intimately. using ta,

written by Napoleon to Jose-phine in 1796 and sold at auction in Paris yesterday for Fr650.000 (E66.000), reveals that the future emperor and his wife fell out over which form of address they should use a problem for Frenchspeakers through the ages.

Replying to a letter sent by Josephine just a few weeks after their marriage, Napo-leon admonished his bride for using the more respectful but distant style of speech.

"You call me wors," he complained. "Ah! But this is dreadful, how could you have written a letter like that? It is The letter was sent from

Nice on March 30 as Napoleon, then a 27-year-old gener-al, was on his way to join the French Army in Italy. He had left Paris just two days after their wedding on March 9, and the letter (his fifth since leaving home) reflects the anxieties of a young husband, separated from his new wife and distinctly jumpy that she



should still be using the iointal form of address.

Josephine de Beauhamais was a worldly 33-year-old widow ther first hashand was guillotined when Napoleon married her, and the letter, purchased yesterday by an American collector for three times the estimated price, is a

adoration as well as his doubts. Not a night has passed without my imagining you in my arms ... in the midst of business, leading the troops, marching through the camps, my lovely localities is alone in my heart, occupying my spirit, absorbing my

thoughts, he wrote.

The question of whether

and when to use the singular tu or the respectful second-person plural rous remains the French language, dependent on such factors as class, occupation and age, and is the cause of endless misunder-

standings and slights.

Married couples would normally be expected to use the lu form, but not always. Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir called each other Pous; Colette addressed her husband as tu and he replied pompously in the vous form. Jacques Chirac and his wife Bernadette address each other as vous, as do many haut hourgeois couples, but the President addresses the likes of Tony Blair as to. François Mitterrand, the late President, only used tu when speaking to his closest friends or insulting his bitterest

Napoleon's 1796 letter, sold by the Drouot auction house, was part of a private collection of Napoleonic artefacts. Napoleon's anxieties were only too well-founded, given Josephine's notorious infidelities and wide-ranging sexual appetites. While the letter leaves no doubt of the future emperor's infatuation, one is left with the sneaking suspicion that his wife purposely used the austere vous form, just to keep the young Napo-



Saddam's germ war experts had British training

By Ian Brodie in Washington, James Bone in New York and David Charter, education correspondent

ALL the key players in Iraq's biological weapons effort were educated in Britain. Indeed, as one United Nations expert said: "It's pretty hard to find one who didn't study there."

The mastermind behind President Saddam Hussein's biological weapons gramme is Dr Rihab Taha, nicknamed "Dr Germ" by UN weapons inspectors before their departure from Iraq. As the Foreign Ministers of Britain. France, Russia and the United States met early today to try to untangle the crisis, Dr Taha was described on American television as the world's most dangerous woman, willing to violate any international norms or scientific ethics,

Dr Taha, 42, studied for her PhD between 1979 and 1984 at the Norwich-based University of East Anglia. The mother of an infant daughter, she is married to General Amer Rashid, the Iraqi official who oversees all Saddam's weapons programmes. NBC News said that Dr Taha had created a programme that produced 10 billion doses of germs and toxins, some loaded on to missiles during the Gulf War.

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UN inspectors also suspect an Iraqi scientist named Hazim Ali, a graduate of Newcastle University, of an important role in the covert programme. Iraq has admited that Mr Ali worked on biological weapons in 1990, but his involvement is thought to go beyond that. After the Gulf War he became head of the al-Ghari research institute in Iraq, and now holds an academic post at Bachdad University.

General Rashid himself studied at London University and, according to one UN source, spent a year in the RAF. His work with the UN inspectors led to his meeting the woman he was to marry. General Amir al-Saadi, who was General Rashid's boss at the Military Industrialisation Corporation in the 1980s and now co-ordinates Iraq's relaat the University of London. Another important figure in the biological weapons pro-gramme, is Ahmed Mutada, now Minister of Transport and Telecommunications. who received a degree in process engineering from the University of Manchester.

Dr Taha arrived in Norwich on a post-graduate course paid for by the Iraqi ministry of higher education to study for a PhD on plant pathogens



Taba: experiments

6 Rihab Taha was well-liked but not

gregarious. Quite quiet and in the

> background ? - Dr John Tumer

- diseases that attack crops such as wheat and tobacco. She worked in a small laboratory under the direction of Dr John Turner, head of the biology department. He said she was not a gifted student but hard-working. "She was well-liked in the department but not gregarious. Quite quiet and in the background." She spent time with his family, tions with UN weapons in- bringing back gifts from Iraq. blown up by inspectors spectors, studied engineering He told reporters that she was year ago.

the last person he would suspect of running a germ warfare programme. "It's like hearing a daughter has suddenly done something dreadful," he said.

She returned home in 1984 telling Dr Turner that she was going to lecture at the University of Baghdad. He wonders now if she was sent to the West to gain knowledge about biological weapons or whether her skills as a microbiologist fitted a later traqi plan.

NBC News found she did not go to the university, but was assigned to a chemical weapons programme. She wrote a paper on biological weapons, and was put in charge. In time, Dr Taha and and botulism germs on rats, mice, monkeys, beagles and eventually donkeys. Some inspectors suspect she was involved in trials on Iranian prisoners-of-war, but that was never proved.

She organised a germ-warfare factory at al-Hakam, 80 miles west of Baghdad, and oversaw other research centres. Her staff grew to hundreds and, according to inspectors, expanded its work into gas gangrene, ricin toxin, and viruses that cause acute conjunctivitis and camel pox.

After the Gulf War started, Saddam ordered her to embark on a crash programme for loading bombs and missile warheads with toxins and to fit aircraft for spraying

The inspectors said that Dr Taha was a consummate liar", bursting into tears and hysterically denying what they had found. David Huxsoli, a former American inspector, said she was at first quiet, unassuming and accommodating, but asked about secret weapons, she erupted with

As the net closed, Dr Taha launched a public relations campaign to prevent the dethe pretence failed. It was



Crew members at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, preparing one of the six F117A Stealth bombers that are to join American forces in the Gulf. The jets, which can avoid radar, will stop overnight in Virginia and reach Kuwait today along with four refuelling planes

Harriers ready for Gibraltar

London: Ammunition and weapons for a squadron of RAF Harrier GR7s were flown to Gibraltar on Hercules transport planes yesterday in preparation for the arrival of six of the aircraft, which are to provide additional firewer for the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, on standby for possible deployment to the Gulf (Michael

Last-minute preparations began at RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire for the flight of the six Harriers, with one more as a spare, to the carrier.

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Crisis meeting as Primakov outlines Iraq peace proposals

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the Russian Foreign Minister, outlined to the West early today a blueprint that he said he had agreed with the Iraqis for ending the confrontation with President Saddam Hussein. At the emergency meeting in

Geneva, the Russians were due to present the plan to Madeleine Albright, America's Secretary of State, Robin Cook and Hubert Védrine, the British and French Foreign Ministers. The diplomatic package would allow United Nations weapons inspectors to return to Iraq while accepting some of Saddam's main demands over the composition of the team and the lifting of UN sanctions.

No details were available, but Western diplomats believed the Russians were closely co-ordinating their negotiations with the other permanent mem-Photograph, page 26 bers of the UN Security Council and plan he claimed to have agreed in

that Mr Primakov was not trying to "go it alone" as he did in talks with saddam before the Gulf War.

The meeting, after a further day of diplomatic activity yesterday, came as Western military preparations continued and British and American officials released details of the vast Iraqi arsenal of chemical and biological weapons that have already been destroyed.

Publicising the list, which includes more than 38,000 filled and empty chemical munitions as well as 690 tonnes of chemical weapons agents and more than 3,000 tonnes of precursor chemicals, is clearly intended to underline the urgency of continuing the UN inspections.

Ms Albright cut short her visit to India to arrive in Geneva after midnight to meet Mr Cook, M Vedrine, and Mr Primakov, who stopped off en-route to Latin America to brief his three armers on the D

Moscow with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister.

The meeting in the UN building underlined the determination of the four countries to present a united front to Saddam and convince him that sanctions would be eased once he allowed UN weapons inspectors to return and complete their work.

The three Western allies were eager to hear the details of Mr Primakov's proposals and ensure that Moscow was not trying to work out a settlement

China, the fifth permanent Security Council member, was not represented but British officials said Beijing had been kept abreast of the negotiations and was unlikely to veto any jointly agreed plan.

Mr Cook was due to arrive at about midnight after an afternoon meeting in London with King Hussein of Jordan.

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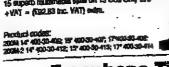
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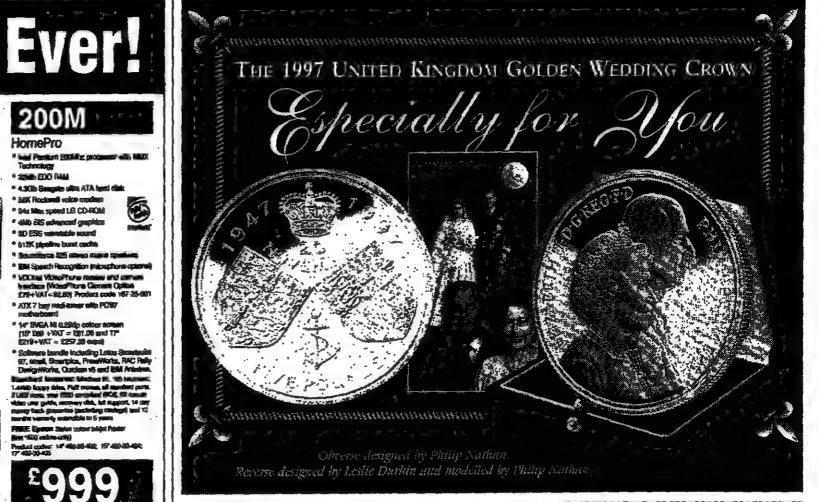


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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on bedsores: irritable bowel syndrome; erotomania; amnesia and strokes and HRT

Hidden dangers of a static life

t is tragic that people like Lady Tryon should have battled against potentially crippling and lethal diseases, such as spina bifida and uterine cancer, only to fall victim to bedsores. The importance of treating pressure points — the parts of the body which bear the weight of a paralysed, semi-comatose or comatose patient - is easily

Modern high-tech mattressing varies the way in which the weight of the patient is borne while bedridden and makes sores less likely, but bedsores still occur in those who are confined to wheelchairs.

Patients are usually first issued with a wheelchair while still in hospital or while attending a clinic. Unfortunately life in hospital wards and in an outpatient clinic is very different from that in someone's own house or place of

This difference can be of crucial, even lifesaving, importance, if the pressure points are not accurately plotted and the weight they have to bear is not measured, the necessary precautions to prevent pressure sores may not be

for long periods may cause a bedsore. Another common hazard to the paralysed patient, often forgotten, is that which stems from asymmetrical sitting, such as happens when working. If, for instance, someone whose life is spent on the phone always answers it by leaning forward and to one side, this side of the body is exposed to much more pressure - and therefore the risk of a sore - than is the other side. In these cases the risk may be removed by finding a

new place for the phone. Research by Professor Ferguson Pell, at the orthopaedic hospital in Stanmore, Middle-



Lady Tryon, the dress designer and society hostess, who fell victim to a side-effect of pressure sores

sex, which has been funded by the medical charity Remedi, is designed to measure the pressure exerted on different parts of the body while the patient is in a wheelchair.

A computer-mapping elec-tronic system records the data on a device called a data logger, so that the memory of all the different movements which the sitter undertakes may be recorded. So great is the amount of information derived that the data logger

Recently the Stanmore team has been developing a data analysis system called neural networks, modelled on decision-making processes of the human brain. This will provide a way to analyse data and will unravel complex information collated from the study of a wheelchair sitter's movements whether he or she is at home or at work.

The team is about to work with a small group of volunteers so that the neural networks may be pro-grammed to discover the pressure patterns in wheelchair users, whatever the cause.

After this, trials will be conducted in hospital surroundings where the team will be able to supervise the recording system at work with patients. Later research will carry out similar investigations in the patients' own houses and offices. It is hoped that this study will demonstrate the common cause of bedsores in wheelchair users who are living and working in the community.

The objective is that patients will be able to study their own pressure points by using the facilities developed at Stanmore, just in the same way as cardiac patients now borrow a 24-hour ECG machine to see the effect of home life on their coronary arteries. If Lady Tryon had known what activities caused her pressure sores. she might never have devel-oped the blood poisoning nor needed the surgery to restore

Stalkers with dangerous delusions

MURIEL TUCKER has made history by being the first woman to be prosecuted under the new harassment laws. She was a female stalker who plagued Terry Murphy, a taxi driver, with a multitude of letters and by her proximity; she moved so that she became his neighbour. Finally, Tucker broke into his house to greet him when he returned. She took with her two carving knives. Although Portsmouth Crown Court and the law treats Tucker see her as a patient suffering from

Erotomania is the extreme jealousy aroused by the patient's conviction that a particular person is in love with them.

They contact the object of their desire with letters, telephone calls and visits. If thwarted, they may pose a danger, either to that person or to anyone who may stand in their way.

Some years ago I used to see a patient who was convinced that the head of the Greek Orthodox Church loved her dearly. The fact that they had never met did little to dissuade her. These patients need treatment in the same way as anyone with any other delusional will sometimes respond to a combina-tion of psychotherapy and neuroleptic drugs, but society and the endangered man or woman may seek more drastic and immediate treatment.

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Relief for the stress of IBS

flung corner of the world.

This time it was Charlotte. She has been told she has irritable. bowel syndrome (IBS) but, because other tests have been arranged urgently, she wanders whether her symptoms are really those of some malignant disease. Charlotte should not worry;

diarrhoea early in the morning followed by a reasonably well-behaved gut for the rest of the day are symptoms of a variant of IBS. The doctor is only being careful in arranging other tests, for the symptoms of IBS can mimic those

of many other conditions. Dr David Silk, a consultant gastroenterologist at the Central Middlesex Hospital who has studied IBS, says one in four of the

parients is found to have some other condition, despite the provisional diagnosis, when investigated at the hospital. Chief among these are microscopic colitis and coeliac disease (a sensitivity to gluten in wheat and

most other cereals). also induce Other, less common. illnesses with similar IBS-type symptoms include diverticular disease, chrosymptoms nic bowel infection, early ulcerative colins and Crohn's disease. Tumours of the gut, benign or malig-

nant, may also be a possibility. The days when IBS was thought to be a complaint of the large intestine have passed; upper intestinal disease, including gastric and duodenal ulcers, and gall bladder disease may also induce TBS-type symptoms. To complicate matters. the cause of the symptoms may ite away from the gut, and be associated with thyroid disease — either too much or too little thyroid, or abnormalities of the parathyroid

Whatever the diagnosis that prompted the investigation, it has been found that 50 per cent of hospital gastroenterological admissions have IBS. Caring for IBS sufferers costs the NHS more than . £500 million a year.

The symptoms of the condition are well known. These include abdominal pain, abdominal distension after eating, wind, constipation or diarrhoea. All of the symptoms are made worse by eating, particularly if there has been any tension. pleasurable tension, while eating. Women are affected three times as often as men.

The interaction between the mind

is always flattering when a and the gut, together with the wide former patient rings for a variety of the symptoms of IBS consultation from some far- and the part that stress, diet and alcohol play — makes the syndrome a fascinating study.

Most patients have noticed close

links between the abdominal symptoms and stress. Unfortunately, the symptoms of IBS tend to increase emotional tensions - 95 per cent of sufferers say that they worry about it "constantly", while 50 per cent are so concerned that they are unhappy eating in a restaurant, 46 per cent worry about travelling, 40 per cent find that staying with friends is difficult, and a similar number feel resentful that they cannot enjoy alcohol as much as their contempo-

raries can. Dr Silk says: "Research into IBS is forging ahead. Doctors now understand far better the mechanisms that cause bloating and discomfort, and the abnormal mo-

tility of the gut. Much of the problem is related to the supersensitivity of

Ulcers and the intestinal tract." Associated with this gall bladder increase in knowledge of the causes of IBS is the disease may development of new drugs to treat it. At the moment the mainstays of treatment are Colpermin, a peppermint preparation; Immodium, which slows the gut; and Colofac, a muscle

relaxant. All have proved useful to meny patients.

Research now promises new drugs, not yet available but in the pipeline, which show every indication of being more efficient as muscle relaxants and in their ability to counteract other symptoms.

The research programme into IBS at the Central Middlesex Hospital is supported by charity and, like many medical charities, has recently felt the pinch. Dr Silk has written a readable and comprehensible book, Understanding Your Irritable Bowel, the profits from which will be devoted to the charity. The book aims to explain to people just what the symptoms of the various types of irritable bowel syndrome are, why they occur and how they can be treated. Although it is written for patients, doctors may well find that if they do not read it, their patients may know more about the condition than they do. My copy is on order.

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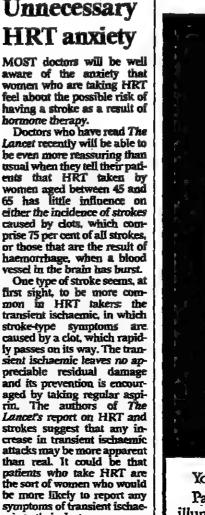
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The causes of memory loss

WHEN DAVID attended a casualty department in Bristol, he had no idea who he was or where he had come from. Fortunately, his wife recognised the picture of her hus-band in the paper, and David and his family were reunited.

David's case is typical of a hysterical fugue, the most common form of psychogenic amnesia, when highly charged incidents are completely forgotten.

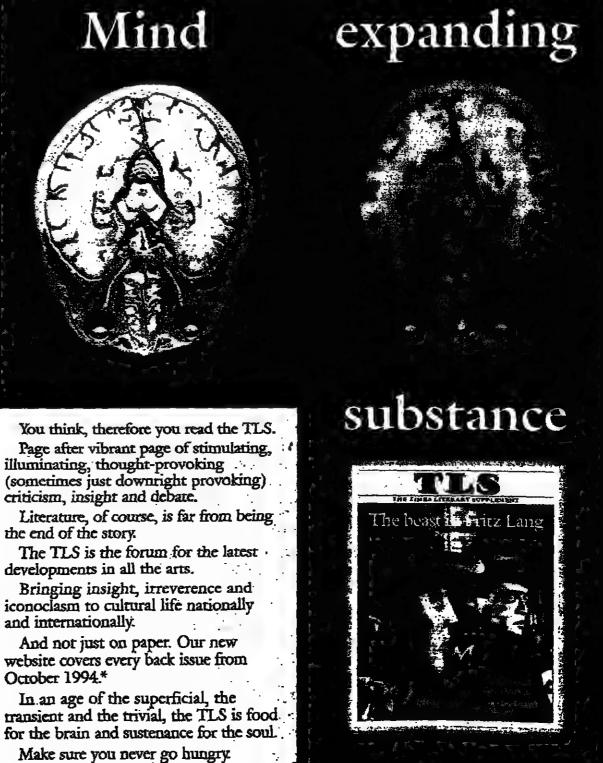
When the loss of memory has a physical cause, longterm memory is better preserved than that for recent events, and only rarely, if ever. do patients lose contact with their identity.

Other conditions which can be compared with hysterical fugues are systemised amnesia and transient global memory loss. In the first, the memory loss is for an isolated event an horrific circumstance is lorgotten, but the rest of the memory is intact. Criminals can display psychogenic Global transient amnesia is entirely physical. It is the

mic to their doctor.

result of a small clot which blocks part of the blood supply to a part of the brain and then moves on. Patients remember their earlier life, are well orientated but have no knowledge of recent circumstances, or even of the kindly folk, their family, now around them.





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Having a designer logo tattooed on to one's ankle or wrist has become the ultimate in chic. Grace Bradberry reports

icture the scene. Charlotte - Charlie to her friends stands before the mirror in her Notting Hill flat, preparing for a big night out. She is in torment. No style magazine, ever, has sanctioned the wearing of a Gucci-logo belt with Nike trainers. What is she to do? Must she really choose between the two names that mean most to her in the world?

Fortunately, no. One afternoon of exquisite pain will ensure that she never again has to face this dilemma though she may one day need laser surgery as a result).

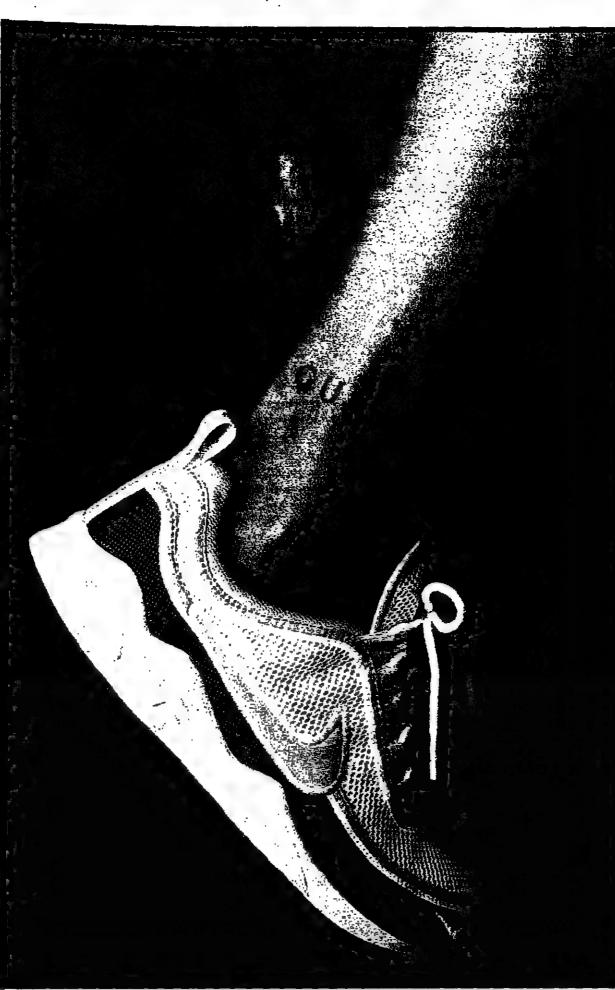
An entire page of this month's issue of The Face is devoted to an image of a woman's leg bearing the Gucci logo just above the latest Nike trainer. In a trend that gives new meaning to the phrase "fashion victim", tattoo parlours are facing an increasing number of requests for corporate branding on their clients' flesh. "This winter's label-for-life ethos has nothing to do with footie bonding. writes Peter Lyle in the style bible, "and everything to do with conspicuous consumption, posh sex and the current couture class system."

outure used to be a private language, summed up by Nancy Mitford in Love in a Cold Climate. Fanny, disappointed by the Schiaparelli jacket her mether has given her, says: "It seemed to me quite plain and uninteresting except for the label in its lining, and I longed to put this on the outside so that people would know where it came from." Then along comes Cedric, who spots it at a glance: My dear, one can always tell."

"It used to be that the more you spent, the less visible the label was," says Mr Lyle. "But the new Gucci shoes have the Gs." The hierarchy of who owns what has reasserted itself with a vengeance in the late 1990s, and there are no

longer any prizes for discretion, and few for discernment.
Still, having Gucci drilled on your ankle is a particularly reckless act. The history of this fashion house well illustrates how fickle fashion can be. One of the century's most chic luxury goods companies, it plunged into apparently ter-

Istance



High-fashion labels were once discreetly sited. The new vogue for trademark tattoos means you can have a designer body

minal naffdom before enjoying a resurgence courtesy of Tom Ford in the 1990s. "We won't do logos," says Andy. Dixon, one of London's bestknown tattoo artists, who has a parlour called Skinflash in Kensington. "We won't do

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things that are going to be a fad and that people will live to regret. We certainly don't do pop groups — [clients would] feel like prats at 65."

Mr Dixon, who has been in business for 18 years and is, "self-taught, in Her Majesty's

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have come along to upset Mummy, and professional women in their mid-twenties." Hence the feature in Tatler earlier this year, which recommended that the tattoos be tucked away on the heel of the foot, nape of the neck or inside of the wrist: "Like great perfumes applied well, tat-

> regret, such smack you in the face, but hint at something delicious." And what groups' could be more delicious than a pricey designer name? Models, of course, cannot show any brand allegiances. This has not stopped them from succumbing to the vogue for flesh decoration. Kate

toos shouldn't

Moss has a noncommittal heart on the back of her hand. while Danielle Z has a star hidden away on the back of her head. The name Shangri-La circles Georgina Gren-You might think the design-

big house". likes to do artistic ers themselves would recoil. work. He also talks longingly But they are as drawn to the of his old clientele. "There are art as the rest of the fashion pack. Both Jean Paul Gaultier no sailors and dodgy people any more," he says. "Instead and John Galliano have dewe get Sloane Rangers who signed realistic body stockings covered in tattoos. Clements Ribeiro have produced tattooed tights, while British designer Fabio Piras sent

do things

models down the catwalk with barbed-wire markings across their 'We won't mouths. And a few years ago daisy-chain designs around the ankles people will were the epitome of rock chic. Not any more.

which is why anyone with ambitions as pop to reinvent themselves will go for something less permanent. Urban Decay's home body paint kits have become popular. But there are still enough

brave souls to give the tattoo artists a laugh. "We had a man who wanted a Rolex [watch] crown, with the word Rolex underneath it," says Kate Wilson, business manager of Into You, in Clerkenwell, North London. We did it for him. We've also done the Fairy Liquid baby for someone. None of us can understand it at all."

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Storm and stress in Sussex. Chichester Theatre director Duncan Weldon tells Richard Morrison why he has quit Arts: Pages 36-39

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Why tea should pack its bags

Tea's loss of favour among Britons is causing concern in Japan — but Joe Joseph isn't worried

prised at just who drinks tea. Take Dean Martin, for instance. Although he was famous for his supposed devotion to bourbon, Dean Martin was actually a deeply traditional man who, being a creature of habit, knew that come four o'clock in the afternoon, it was time for a different kind of drink. So he would switch to vodka for a couple of hours instead. But never tea.

That's because Dean Martin knew that tea is a wuss's drink, the sort of drink that - along with brollies and bowlers - has no place in Tony Blair's hip, new, exciting, "rebranded", Formula One-loving Britain. But apparently tea's loss of favour among Britons is now upsetting the Japanese, who feel that teadrinking is one of the cornerstones of British life. They say that the decline in tea-drinking is causing England to lose its quintessential "Englishness"

Who does? Stand up Mr Toru Kuroiwa (actually he is standing). Mr Kuroiwa, who used to be the London bureau chief for the Japanese newspaper Mainichi bestseller in Japan in which he pillories the British for losing their reserve and their taste for tea. Kuroiwa, whose The English Way Of Life is treated as an authoritative reference book. blames the decline in tea drinking for Britain's moral decline: "I was shocked when I got to this country and there was a strike on the London Underground: the workers said they wanted time for a tea break. I learnt that tea-drinking was one of the most important rituals of this country. It is good for you. It relaxes.

And now? Tea-time plays a smaller and smaller part in our lives as we become what Kuroiwa regards as a consumer-driven, less tolerant and less civil society which is obviously a perfectly reasonable view, unless ou happen to be one of those newly vulgarised Britons who think that Mr Kuroiwa should stop being such a clever Dick and mind his own business.

In his essay A Nice Cup Of Tea, George Orwell wrote that tea made you feel wiser, braver and more optimistic". But actually it makes you feel even wiser. braver and more optimistic if you lace it with Glealivet first. Tea by itself takes too long to kick in for most busy people. Remember the case

Tou would be sur- of Major David Senior, the nounced earlier this year army officer who was in the dock this summer for fiddling the books on rations allowances? He had to drink a gallon of tea for 20 years before the caffeine build-up began affecting his judgment - a state of neural dislocation that most of us, with rather less time on our hands, aim to achieve after. say, a couple of bottles of Tea has little place in a

country that is again supposed to be the most swinging place on the planet, just as it was in the 1960s when Simon Dee was around. For example, did you notice how, when Donna Karan recently decided to expand her empire by lending her designer touch to things other than women's frocks,



Tea-drinking: so British

she chose to design her own coffee blend? Manhattan cafés now sell it at \$1.30 a shot, served in small DKNY paper cups. Not so much a diffusion range as an infusion range.

ne can easily imagine that other designers will now branch out into own-label foodstuffs. But can you imagine any designer calling a press conference to inform the world that they have spent months mixing up a few Assams and orange pekoes and lapsang whatsits to produce personalised teabags?

Tea simply lacks sex appeal. Think of the Gold Blend ads. Is it likely that viewers would have become glued to television commercials showing sexual seduction conducted over cups of PG Tips? Not unless they were turned on by chimps. When psychologists an-

that supermarket shoppers were sizing up potential partners by watching what they put in their trolleys, it was noticeable that tea was not cited as a turn-on. Dr David Lewis, the psychologist who carried out the research for the Somerfield simermarket chain, discovered that not only was it common for under-25s to visit supermarkets to pick up people, but that more than one in ten of these under-25s regularly used a form of "love-coding" in supermarkets to size up potential bedmates.

Of course, once everyone was wise to the game (soup, fish fingers and Brussels sprouts supposedly indicate that you are dull: tropical fruits say you are "exotic and passionate"; bananas tell other shoppers that "life is hectic but I love it"), shoppers began choosing particular "love-coded" items for their wire basket even if they would never normally eat them - the shopper's equivalent of disguising a molehill cleavage with a Wonderbra.

So what did these people choose? Tetley teabags? No. Chocolate fudge cake was cited by a number of people as something they would put in their basket if they wanted to send out the message that they were game for a wild time," said Dr Lewis.

This is because, while many foodstuffs betray you terribly (fish paste surely means "I wear socks in bed"), tossing tea in your trolley just embarrasses you. Especially if you sink to instant lea granules. Instant tea granules broadcast to the world that "squandering time on foreplay is not my strong point."

You only have to look at all the references to tea in the English language to see how dispiriting its influence can be. By substituting something else for the word "tea" in each case, you can glimpse the possibilities of a cheerier, non-tea world beyond. Study these example: of tea-replacement:

Afternoon tea - afternoon siesta: tea breaks -- tax breaks, making tea - making out: my cup of tea --- my cup runneth over: tea lady -Isabelle Adjani; I have my own tea caddy - I have my own golf caddy; high tea highball: teacake — tiara.

And people who defend tea-drinking on the ground that it is an age-old bond that links everyone from queen to commoner should remember: so is nose hair.

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Don't ever go back on Dearing

There is still time to rescue higher

education, says Magnus Linklater

here was a simplicity about Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education. Now, as the Government seeks to turn it into action, it is beginning to degenerate into confusion, with worrying signs of bureaucracy, dis-crimination and downright

This week, for the first time, a member of the Dearing committee, Sir Ron Garrick, broke ranks to accuse the Government of abandoning a coherent formula in favour of proposals which will hit middle-income families in general. and English students in particular.

What seems to be happening is the opposite of what was intended: instead of students being inspired to seek out the most suitable university anywhere in the British Isles for their course, they may well be encouraged to stay at home, or even to abandon a university education, in this, of all vital areas, old Labour ideas are

still obstinately guiding policy.

Most of the focus in England has been on the Oxbridge colleges, and their protests that the Government may cease paying college fees, us-ing Dearing's rec-

ommendations as an excuse for opt-Scottish ing out of an annuuniversities al EI7 million subvention. This. worry about they say, will force them to charge sturesentment dents directly, and over the discourage the less border

Last week I received a glossy

brochure from my old Cambridge college urging support in fighting the plans. My immediate thought was that if they could afford the brochure they were probably wellplaced to make up the shortfall in fees. But I accept that some less well-off colleges, such as remoroke and Mizwillian will be seriously hit. Other universities which have his torically been paid a special college fee, such as Durham. could face financial collapse.

Ear more significant is the tampering with one of Dearing's basic principles. The original idea was straightforward: all students from all backgrounds would be charged a tuition fee of £1,000 a year. Loans would be made available, repayable after graduation, to cover the fees. Such was the clarity with which Dearing addressed the funding crisis, that his report won a remarkable degree of support - not least from the Government

Almost immediately means-testing element was announced, whereby only students from "well-off" backgrounds would have to pay the fees, either in full or in part, depending on their par-ents' income. Then, in Scotland, there were two further developments: those able to pay would not be able to take out a loan, and English students enrolling for Scottish universities, with their fouryear courses, would have to pay in full for the fourth year. Students living in Scotland

would be exempt. This has produced a huge protest, not perhaps because of the number affected, but because of the principle involved. Students, of all people,

should be encouraged to seek the widest horizons; to regard geographical boundaries as irrelevant when broadening their experience. To introduce even the smallest element of discrimination into the United Kingdom education system is a retrograde step, just as devolution looms. University principals worry that it will drive foreign students away, encourage parochialism and sow resentment among English and Welsh students, many

universities as equal contenders with Oxford and Cambridge and have flocked north. Brian Wilson, the Education Minister at the Scottish Office, believes only a minority of students from England would be affected, and that most would be sufficiently well off to shrug the extra charge aside. "Do they really, honestly, believe that all of the minority who will be asked to pay ...

of whom regard some Scottish

come from family circum-stances in which the imposition of a El,000 fee, over a fouryear course, is going to be the crucial determinant . . . who is kidding whom?" he demands. Well, he may be kidding himself. How can he possibly

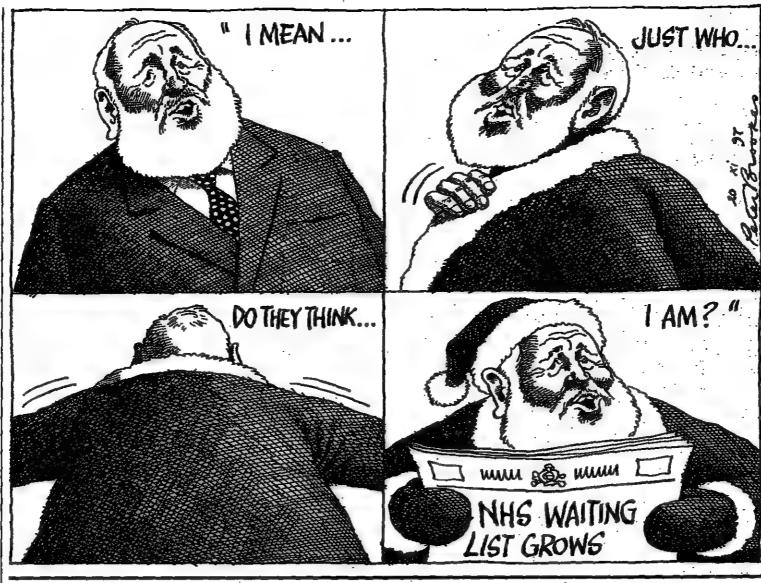
know? As anyone who has studied the means-testing principle accepts. it can act as a powerful disincentive to those least able to afford it. Students from middle-income families, at the bottom end of the nonexempt range, will

now have to contemplate finding tuition fees "up front", will be ineligible for loans, and may be in no position to contemplate the additional cost of travelling to a university which charges extra for certain citizens in different parts of the United Kingdom.

tudents are likely to choose the cheaper alter-native, which in most cases will be their home-town university. Means-testing takes no account of those who may appear on paper to be well-off, but who may have a range of other financial commitments. And, of course, it ignores those parents who, for reasons which may be unfathomable, are simply unwilling to pay for their student

Dearing. When the report was published last July it was welcomed by universities because it placed its emphasis not just on improving access to higher education, but on finding funds to improve its range and quality. David Blunkett, Education Secretary, spoke about the need for resources to be "directed back into lifelong learning". There was no mention of discrimination or limiting opportunities

There is still time for clarification, for a restatement of aims, and above all for the removal of unnecessary barriers to higher education. Universities should be cosmopolitan and open to the widest possible range of students, it would be a pity if narrow parochialism was introduced just at the point where they should be spreading their educational wings.



Is gold only for fools?

n the past lifteen years an interest in gold has not been a good way to make money, but it has been a good way to think about money. Probably the most successful and certainly the most powerful of central bankers in the 1990s has been Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve. His understanding of the world's monetary system was partly built on his study of the old gold standard. In 1966 he wrote a paper Gold and Economic Freedom, in which he argued that "in the absence of the gold standard, there is no way to protect savings from confiscation through inflation. He was still something of a gold theorist when I met him in the Nixon years.

Now that inflation has been slowed, the public has become less worried about it. Nevertheless, in continues to reduce the purchasing power of money; by 20 per cent since 1990, by 57 per cent since 1980 and by 98 per cent since 1914. The century of paper money has been a century of depreciation. The rate of decline may vary in the future, but the decline itself can be expected to continue. Greenspan's statement of 1966 may seem almost other-worldly but it has,

in fact, proved correct. The recent fall in the gold price has taken gold back through an interesting landmark. The purchasing power of an ounce of the metal is below where it was before Britain went off the gold standard in 1931, if one takes the purchasing power of gold in 1930 as 100, the purchasing power today stands at 91. The history of gold prices shows a centuries-old pattern which, in his book published in 1977, Professor Roy Jastram called "the Golden Constant". He established that the general level of prices had historically moved above and below the gold price, but had always been drawn back towards it.

The gold value of a sovereign now has much the same purchasing power as it would have had in 1972. 1874, 1857, 1821, 1794, 1776 or 1723, or. indeed, in 1649, the year Cromwell cut off the head of Charles I. In 1997 we can see gold once again performing its strangest trick of all, and acting as a long-term measure of value. It has behaved in this way for an amazingly long time. Although the two metals have since diverged because of changes in mining tech-nologies, the ratio of the prices of gold and silver was the same in the first year of the reign of Queen Victoria as I suppose that one might have been

That which glisters may not always

be a sensible investment — but we

continue to be fascinated by it

it had been in the last year of the reign of the Emperor Augustus. Nobody can study the history of gold without becoming fascinated by these long-term price relationships. Gold is at present on the cheap side of its historic value in Britain: farmland in England has usually been worth between five and ten ounces of gold an acre, according to the quality of the land. At £170 an ounce, that would give a price of £850 to £1,700 an acre, which is at present on the low side. On the other hand, £20 an acre,

out the agricultural depression from the 1870s to the 1940s. When gold had its last great boom, it went to \$800 an ounce. That was the result of a world-

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wide panic about inflation in the 1970s and early 1980s. Now all serious investors have given up on it. The goldbugs still have a sentimental nostalgia for the days when one could actually make money out of gold-related investments, but they have prophesied so many false dawns that their arguments no longer have any place in sober investment analysis. No investment fashion has been so thoroughly exploded as gold; most people think that there will no more be another gold boom than there will be another boom in tulip futures in The Netherlands

One cannot be so sure about the future of this mysterious metal. Roy Jastram gives a table of the purchasing power of gold, starting from 1600. It has certainly outperformed paper

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pretty gloomy about the outlook for gold in 1800. William Pitt might fall: Napoleon might invade; Nelson might lose at Trafalgar; Wellington might lose at Waterloo; Rothschild and Barings might lose control of the gold market. Yet gold's purchasing power rose by 50 per cent in the next 50 years and doubled in the next contact. From the present level of 91 century. From the present level of 91, the index could repeat that performance in the 21st century, or it could just remain its constant self, as it did

DCK MARKE have recently had an intriguing letter from Andrew Lampert, well known in the gold world as a director

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Walwyn, a Toronto

investment firm with the courage to have a gold bias. He sent me a chart of the share price of Homestake Mining, an American S. gold producer, measured against the Dow Jones index. Ten thousand dollars invested in Homestake in 1892 would now be worth a little over \$1.000,000: \$10,000 invested in the Dow would be worth a little less than \$1,000,000. But the experience in between would have been very different. Homestake outperformed the index from 1892 to about 1910, anderperformed from 1910 to 1929, outperformed spectacularly in the 1930s, and underperformed in the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s, "The Dow Jones traded around the L000 level from 1966 to 1982 and Homestake appreciated by 466 per cent. In the past 15 years, the Dow Jones has gained a massive 645 per cent against Homestake moving up by just 8 per cent." Perhaps the pendulum will eventually swing

again; pendulums often do. Most people think of gold as a protection against inflation, and expect it to rise in inflationary periods, but fall with deflation. Roy Jastram examined the UK and American price record to 1976, and reached these rather unexpected conclusions:

"I. Gold is a poor hedge against major inflations. 2. Gold appreciates in operational wealth in major deflations.

3. Gold does maintain its purchasing power over long periods of time." The current purchasing power of gold in Britain is close to the historic ows of the Civil War, the collapse of the South Sea bubble, the American War of Independence, the Napoleonic wars, the First World War and the General Strike. Gold may not be cheap, but for the British it hardly looks expensive - not unless we are expecting a war, a crash or a general strike in the near future.

It looks very different in Asia. The South East Asian economies of Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia have all devalued against the dollar in the past six months; so has South Korea: the big Japanese devaluation ounces of gold, was normal for mance of gold investments does not ourrencies, gold has been static or I'm Bosnia. America watched the all go one way: I in lit has not done as well as the I Serbs conducts genocidal campaign, dollar, but it has served its traditional function of acting as a stable reserve. It has also met its textbook description of being both a real asset, such as property, and a liquid one, such as

> t present, the dollar is king of the world currencies; most of the Asian currencies have devalued against it and even the euro has been prospectively devalued against it, 18 months before it has even come into existence Sterling has also appreciated, and has been stronger than the dollar itself. Yet some commentators fear that the Asian devaluations may be the first of a wave of competitive global devaluations, like those in the 1930s, which included Europe and America. In the 1930s almost everycurrency was devalued in terms of

Several of the world's central banks have recently been selling gold, on the argument that the dollar offers both appreciation and an interest yield, while gold has depreciated and provided no income. So far they have been right, but what will they do if the dollar itself has to be devalued? Already, the United States has a trade deficit and is far from competitive in cost with Asia. At some point in the future, the dollar may be seen as unsustainably overvalued. Then presumably the dollar price of gold will start to rise the 2,500-year history of gold as a store of value may be far from

Why the US won't go to war

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Michael Kelly

on a nation too

squeamish to fight

n the summer and autumn of 1995, as the war in Bosnia was winding down, I spent a couple of months in Bihac, a small, handsome mountain city in the northwest corner of the country then entering its last days under Serbian siege. Bihac was defended by the Bosnian Army's V Corps, which had built itself up from a few platoons of local volun-teers armed with Kalashnikovs and hunting rifles into a great, if unconventional, fighting force. For more than two years the V Corps held off a vastly better-armed encircling force. and the war they fought was more like 1917 than 1995.

The soldiers at the front lived for months at a time in slit trenches and scant bunkers of sandbags and tree branches, dug in along wooded ridges and hills. They had, for most of the war, so little ammunition that it was common for troops to go into battle with 20 rounds apiece. They fought in short, furious bursts, emerging from their holes in the mud to charge the enemy line in shooting, stabbing, shricking onslaughts that usually ended with everyone on one

side or the other wounded or dead. These soldiers were mostly young and mostly untrained, but they had become greatly familiar with war and familiarity had bred its usual contempt. While they still feared death, they no longer respected it. This had some unhappy consequences. There was a lot of mental depression in Bihac. But the devaluing of life had also served its great purpose. It had freed the people from their normal inhibitions about killing and being killed, and this in turn had kept them from being killed. Accepting death, it turned out, was indispensable to defeating death.

This is a troubling idea to contem-plate as the United States worries. again, about what to do about Baghdad. Saddam Hussein's ability to agitate America rests on his understanding that America has dev-eloped a phobia of military death. While the Americans have become ... weirdly numb to the horror of death ... in the civilian sphere (on the streets, in the movies), they have evolved what amounts to a zero tolerance policy for death on the battlefield, and and did nothing of practical import for three years, because they didn't want to be responsible for anyone being killed - not even the perpetra-

tors of genocide.

The Gulf conflict was, per capita, probably the most death-free war ever waged. In all the war, there was only one scene of really troubling ? mass slaughter, the savaging by air : and by tank of the Iraci forces fleeing home from their rout in Kuwait. And ., this scene ended the war.

ooking at the burnt, exploded bodies a few days after the attack, it seemed obvious to me that the war must instantly end; there could be no justification for continuing unilateral slaughter. This seemed obvious to a lot of other people too, some of them professional military men and some of them advisers to the President. So the war ended, abruptly and disastrously, with Saddam Hussein in power and protected by the well-paid, heavily armed Republican Guard, which American forces could have destroved in a few days then. It seems obvious to me now that r.

what seemed obvious to me then was the usual result of a little knowledge intruding suddenly on total igno-rance. I had never seen the results of war, and the results horrified me out of my wits. In this, I was of course typical of my generation of reporters. The result is, in matters military, a press corps that is forever suffering a collective case of the vapours. At the least exposure to the most unremarkable facts of military life - soldiers can be brutes and pigs, generals can be stupid, bullets can be fatal - we ... are forever shocked, forever reaching for the sal volatile.

The media's generational borror at war's truths reflects the larger society's views, and this larger society includes the military itself. Not since Vietnam has America faced a serious war, involving a serious level of death (and Vietnam's 58,000 American coffins were a fraction of the butchers' bills paid in the great wars), and that conflict ended a quarter of a century ago. We are a nation in which there are fewer and fewer people, and they are older and older people, who accept what every 12-year-old in Bihac knows: that there are things

worth dying for, and killing for. So, Americans will let Saddam ... Hussein stall them until he has : hidden what weapons of mass death ... he needs to hide, and then he will let :. the UN inspectors back in, and the Americans will live with that. Or they will inflict some suffering on Iraq, and kill some people, but not too many, because the people — the American people, that is — will not be able to stand the pictures. And the Americans can live with that too. But one of these days, somebody - the North Koreans come to mind - is going to start a real war. And then we will find out what we can really live

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Miller's tale

GIORGIO ARMANI and the Royal Opera House have fallen out over its plans to use his costumes for a revival of the Jonathan Miller production of Cosi fan tutte. The opera company owns the garb, which first appeared at Covent Garden two years ago, but the Italian designer wants the costumes to remain in storage for good because he feels they are now passé. Dr Miller asked Signor Armani to design the clothes because the polymath wanted his production of Mozart's opera buffa to be set in the

Nineties. First performed in 1995. the production proved such a success that it was revived earlier this year. Second time round, most of the cast were dressed in new costumes, though once again de-

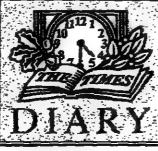
signed by Mr Armani. But when the Royal Opera House began planning a third run at its temporary home at the Shaftesbury Theatre next March, it received a letter pronto from the designer, refusing to give permission for his creations to re-appear. Dr Miller's Cosi is such a modern production, it's of today," a custodian of the House of Armani explains. "If you use costumes from 1995, it just would not be up to date." Desoite the designer's unhelpful attitude, the Royal Opera House is still hopeful of resolving the dispute in time for the production to go ahead next March, as planned. "We expect everyone will



friend at the opera company suggested sorto voce.

More Max

AFTER my disclosures earlier this week about the reckless youth of Max Mosley, I was delighted to hear more about the Labour Party contributor and president of the Fédération Internationale de end up dressed appropriately." a l'Automobile, motor racing's gov-



erning body, from my old friend Stella Hollis, Bumping into the for-mer big noise in industrial tribunals yesterday, she told me about the 1959 election in North Kensington when her then husband, Michael Hydleman stood as a Liberal against Max's father, Sir Oswald Mosley, of the extreme right-wing Union Movement.

As Mr Hydleman hauled his soap box around the streets of Notting Hill expounding his pro-immigration views, Stella recalls how he was confronted by the young Max. With flaming red hair and fanatic eyes, he screamed foul aggressive vituperation and was always accompanied by a group of thugs, It was my one and only experience of politics. But it was hugely rewarding; Sir Oswald came bottom of the poll and crept away to live in France.

THE angelic Hollywood star Leonardo di Caprio was almost sunk by a crisis when he was over here this week for the premiere of his latest film. The Titanic. Not only had he failed to pack a black tie, but he was also ignorant of the fine art of tying one. The problem became even more acute when he turned for help to his hotel, the Metropolitan in London's Park Lane, and discovered it was also sartorially challenged. After much head scratching, a footman from the neighbouring but more traditional Four Seasons Hotel was

gest mora "How romantic, a candlelit dinner for two"

Regal rolecall AFTER Tai-Shan Schierenberg's unflattering portrait of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh was unveiled last month, HRH has turned to Andrew Festing, the artist son of Field Marshall Sir Franeis Festing, to mark her 50th wedding anniversary. She has

called in with bow tie and, natu-

rally, instructions.

commissioned him to paint her along with her husband and 20 royal guests, including the tuxuriously titled Queen Fabiola and the Prince of Asturias. Mr Festing will work from a photograph taken during the celebrations, with some relief; when he painted the Owen in 1994 he was heard to complain that "she moves rather a lot".

● POOR Mohamed Al Fayed. Invitations were sent out last week to Harrods' wealthier customers, bidding them to a Christmas party next month. Among the promise attractions is a free raffle. The prize? A Nile cruise to Luxor.

Fond farewell TO St Martin-in-the-Fields, Cen-

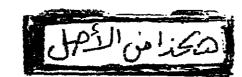
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Wales, yesterday. The service recalled her time at West Heath School, Kent. and escaped the media because details were passed around the 500 guests by word of mouth. Among those paying trib-ute was Carolyn Bartholomew schoolfriend, fiatmate and confidante. It was one of the most poignant services the church has seen.



JASPER GERARD | National Journal in Washington.





THE TIMES

GOLDEN DUKE

Anniversary greetings to the consort behind the throne

More than 100,000 couples are celebrating their golden weddings this year. Today the Queen and Prince Philip represent them all, just as they represent the United Kingdom in other public acts of the theatre of private life. Most Britons alive today have no memory of any householders at Buckingham Palace other than the Queen and her Duke.

Yesterday's hunch in the formality of Guildhall was an unusually informal and national family affair. As is customary at private but not at State celebrations, the husband made the speech. Prince Philip made a handsome joke of how the Lord Mayor and the Prime Minister (with whom Queen and Duke lunch today) had tossed for speakers, and the City lost and got him as tails. The tone was self-deprecating, the sort of chubhouse humour that any traditional English husband reaching his marital halfcentury might deploy.

To survive 50 years of marriage against the changes and chances of everyday life has always been a matter for congratulation. And in spite of greatly increased life expectancy since 1947, golden weddings are becoming rarer. People are living longer, but divorce is becoming commonplace. So a golden wedding has become a cause for surprise as well as congratulation.

Commonly at a golden wedding, both partners are congratulated equally. But in the royal marriage of a Queen, the husband can become the forgotten half of the partnership. The English are jealous of their Queens. Elizabeth I never married; Prince George of Denmark is forgotten; and Victoria was firmly advised not to create Prince Albert King. But in his difficult role of junior partner, the Duke has played his part as living metaphor for the enormous changes that have happened since his wedding.

They say that this is the people's century of the common man. But its second half has

Tony Blair may have extended the length of

Prime Minister's Question Time because he

wanted a move away from partisan point-

scoring and towards mature examination of

government policy. It did not look like that

yesterday. Mr Blair was asked, repeatedly,

to clarify his stance on accepting money

from Bernie Ecclestone and, repeatedly,

ducked the issue. He chose, instead, to

obscure the question of his own credibility.

by attacking the Tories' record. It is certainly

true that skeletons still litter the Tory closet

but Mr Blair cannot distract attention from

electorate passed their own verdict on

Conservative mistakes in May. If the Tories

do not reform their own practices by the time

of the next election the voters will be justified

in withholding the trust which was forfeited

in the Major years but Mr Blair is in office

now and it is the Prime Minister's behaviour

that is properly in the spotlight. The glare in

which he hominated may now be trained on

areas he would rather keep hidden but it will

not abate until a satisfactory explanation is

The central question raised by William

Hague and his colleagues yesterday is

painful and pertinent. The Prime Minister

says he had decided on November 5 that he

would not accept any further donations from

Bernie Ecclestone. Given the Government's

decision to exempt Formula One from its

proposed ban on tobacco sponsorship such a

judgment was only prudent. Yet the Gerieral

Secretary of the Labour Party, Tom Sawyer.

wrote to Sir Patrick Neill on November 7

asking if a further donation "might properly be accepted". Why ask Sir Patrick if it was all

offered to the questions which remain.

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become the half-century of the ascent of woman. Prince Philip's performance of his role three steps behind the Queen has set an example in the new world in which women now constitute a rising proportion of the workforce, and have become the breadwinners for many households. Without ever running the risk of being described as a wimp or a house husband, he has shown that there is dignity and usefulness in a supportive role. His public relations can be rough and bluff. But the traditional European aristocrat of 50 years ago has swum well with the emergent tides of history.

His charitable works both on stage and behind the scenes are helping to create a modern civil society. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is more than just a useful entry on an UCCA form. Since it was founded more than 2.5 million young people who are not all going to triumph in other ways have found hearty adventure and enterprise through it. Prince Philip enjoys the ancient royal blood sports. But he was an environmentalist before it became a fashion of the age, and as President Emeritus of the Worldwide Fund for Nature he is leading its campaigns for forests this year and the oceans next year. Even Cambridge's dons admire his lobbying behind the scenes for the university as Chancellor.

He has a reputation for speaking his mind, and occasionally for putting his foot in his mouth. But people rather like the royal loose cannon, in the way that they admired the supporting and occasionally indiscreet role played by Denis Thatcher. Similarly they like the no-nonsense attitudes and robust sense of humour of the Princess

Royal, the child who is most like him. It takes two to make a marriage. It can take a hero as well as a heroine to make a golden wedding. So in the loyal celebrations, let us not forget the Duke behind the Throne.

right to sin when a decision had already

been taken to be virtuous? Mr Blair asked the Commons yesterday to respect him for

accepting Sir Patrick's advice. Having gone

out of his way to ask, he could hardly have

ignored Sir Patrick's response, but why did

he ask in the first place if he had no intention

of ever accepting? Mr Blair should not test

- He should certainly not use the events of

the last formight as a justification for pre-

empting the conclusions of Sir Patrick's

review of party funding. The Prime Min-

ister's enlistment of Paddy Ashdown in an

effort to lay down the law now is an attempt

to dispel the odour of the past fortnight with

sanctity. Mr Hague was right to assert that

he will make his own submissions in his

own time. The Conservatives' position

would certainly be strengthened by greater

openness. Mr Hague has promised to

publish the names of Tory donors and his

party is late, by its own timetable, in

publishing its accounts. Disclosure would

free him to make the principled case against

the proposals Mr Blair is keen to promote.

to be made as vigorously as possible.

Attempts to cap the amounts individuals

and organisations can spend at election time

could prove a curtailment of liberty and a

limit on pluralism. It may even run counter

to the European Convention on Human

Rights. Before any such steps are taken the

Opposition must test whether these are

disinterested improvements to democracy or

the defensive strike of a party which wants to

minimise the consequences of future un-

popularity by padlocking its enemies' safes.

organisations and a preoccupation with

There is no doubt that the arguments need

public tolerance so brazenly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ferries must pay for deportations

From Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, Director-General of the Chamber of Shipping

Sir. Your leading article, "Attention all shipping" (November 14), asks why ferry operators should pay for ministerial blunders. It is wholly unjust that this national and indeed European problem should be laid at the door of the ferry companies. The problem is who should be allowed to stay in this

country, not how they get here.

The ferry companies bring in these passengers legally and in good faith and have neither the responsibility nor the practical means of turning them away. It is therefore an issue that the Government must tackle both within the UK and in Europe.

Because the right to travel across Europe without visas is now available to people in many countries outside the EU there is nothing to prevent large numbers travelling quite legally as tourists coming to the UK and then seeking political asylum. No doubt the Government will refuse most applications but the cost of housing and feeding these people while they are being processed, and then of sending

them home, will be very high.

The fundamental issue is one of immigration policy. This is the responsibility of the Government, not of private companies.

Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS HUNT. Director-General. The Chamber of Shipping, Carthusian Court, 13 Carthusian Street, ECI. November 14.

From the Minister for Immigration

Sir, Your leading article describes my irritation at the Dublin Convention, but it is strange to call it "outrageous" for a minister to point out that it is a criminal offence for ferry companies to fail to comply with the law.

You suggest that there is a difference between "making arrangements" for someone's removal and paying for it. What does making arrangements mean if it doesn't include paying? It certainly does not mean that the taxpayer has to pay.

As to detention costs, of the 1,000 or so Czech and Slovak asylum-seekers brought to Dover in recent months. only 49 are detained. As carriers are only liable for the first 14 days of detention, the costs are limited.

The French do not refuse to accept returned passengers because more than 24 hours has elapsed: they do so because these people have claimed asylum and they say that, under the Convention, France is not responsible for considering that application.

Carriers who profit from bringing in people should pay for the return of those who are not admissible. It would not be fair to pass that burden to the taxpayer.

If the ferry companies wish to campaign for change, that is fine, but in the meantime the law is clear. It is hard to see how disagreement with the law can be a reasonable excuse for not complying with it.

Yours etc, MIKE O'BRIEN, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State. Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. November 18.

Sexual stereotypes

From Mr Stephen Powers

Sir. Your feature, "Do these ads demean men?" (November 12), suggests that advertisements showing men as sex objects may indicate change in a traditionally sexist industry. From the pictures used to illustrate your story, however, it would appear that advertisers and agencies still like women's legs to be long, their heels to be high and their figures to be slim and curvaceous just the way we chaps are supposed to

All I can see is advertisers becoming more sophisticated in the way they manipulate stereotypes; the objectification of women appears to be as degrading as ever. Times changing? I think not.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN POWERS, 55 Hythe Close. Forest Park. Bracknell, Berkshire. November 13.

Preservation of Oxbridge privileges

From the President of Trinity College, Oxford

Sir, I have just returned from Beijing, where I had the privilege of co-chair-ing with a Chinese professor a unique workshop on administrative law under the sponsorship of the European Commission. The Chinese delegates included judges, members of the practising profession and academics. While they may not have been wholly familiar with European concepts of the rule of law or judicial review, one facet of my chairmanship produced immediate recognition - my association with Oxford University.

During the conference I was also entertained by the editor-in-chief of the leading Chinese law publishing house, who expressed an interest in acquiring for translation English law books, as he put it in a memorandum, recommended for students by Ox-

ford University". Can it really be sensible to put at risk a reputation which has penetrated so far and so well treport. Peers join forces to defend £35m Oxbridge subsidy", November 13; letters, November 7, 11)? What do they know of Oxford who only England know?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BELOFF, Trinity College, Oxford. November 17.

From Professor John Sutherland

Sir, it is a perverse triumph of spin to have diverted the current debate on higher education to the desirability of cuts in funding.

The department in which I work came top in The Times Good University Guide with Oxford, edging out Cambridge. We - like them - offer one-to-one tutorials to all our students. This would seem to me a reason for some modest increase in our funding, rather than a punitive raid on the income of Oxbridge. The pennies which would result from any equitable redistribution of the £35 million will not help us and it will damage

It is grotesque to have to say it, but British higher education does not

need disinvestment under the guise of "fairness". It needs sensible investment in all its sectors.

JOHN SUTHERLAND (Lord Northcliffe Professor of Modern English Literature), University College London, Department of English, London WCIE 6BT. uclejas@ucl.ac.uk November 13

From Mr Duncan Fallowell

Sir. In the Michaelmas issue of Oxford Today, the official university magazine, the editorial introduction to a survey of new Oxonian MPs begins: It is a healthy sign that the proportion of MPs educated at Oxbridge is in

decline..."

I find this death wish in one of the two most successful English institutions quite terrifying. And if the editor appears to consider the influence of Oxford on national life unhealthy, why doesn't she edit something else?

Yours faithfully, DUNCAN FALLOWELL, 44 Learnington Road Villas, W11. November 13.

From Dr James Doyle

Sir, Lord Plant of Highfield holds that Oxford's research excellence would be harmed by any funding cuts and the consequent threat to the collegiate

I am a recently retired teacher from Edinburgh Medical School. There we had to cope with an overnight 50 per cent cut in the medical library's periodical and journals fund. Our dental school was just abolished.

We suffered these losses while the Oxbridge extra cash was being paid. in the Lords debate it was suggested that it was "the politics of envy" to criticise this anomaly. Well, I plead guilty; my face went the colour of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead's favourite claret with envy.

Yours faithfully JAMES DOYLÉ, 27 Learmonth Terrace, Edinburgh 4. November 14.

Climate change

From the Vice-President of the British Association of Colliery Management

Prime Minister's letter (November 17) responding to Bronwen Maddox's article on the American approach to climate change (Business, November 13). US policy is not "simply [to] delay by ten years the promises we made at Rio". Rather it is seeking to minimise future increases in emissions. In relation to carbon reductions the US is rightly worried that laudable, but hasty, action in the developed world might see heavy industries in the West transfer to third-world locations where the likelihood is they would be less not more energy efficient,

Sir, I must take issue with the Deputy

What must also be challenged is Mr Prescott's statement that "action on climate change need not harm economic growth". Fulfilling the 10 per cent reduction in CO2 by 2010 (the so-called Berlin Mandate) would do more damage to the West than the oil crisis of the 1970s. The Lawrence Livermore Laboratory estimates the impact on US energy prices to be an increase of between 80 per cent and 90 per cent.

In seeking multilateral agreement the Government should not pretend that the targets are painless, and perhaps they could also explain why the UK is unilaterally committed to twice the level of pain required by other countries.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD COURTNEY, Vice-President, British Association of Colliery Management. 17 South Parade, Doncaster, South Yorkshire. November 18.

NHS waiting lists

From Mr E. M. Holt, FRCS, FRCOG Sir, I have just finished watching Ani-

mal Hospital on BBC1. In this programme they were taking a tortoise into the hospital for two days' observation prior to its hibernation. My patients who have any condi-

tion that can be described as nonurgent have to wait up to 18 months to have NHS operations. Are we living in a same country?

Yours etc. E. M. HOLT, Frieze Farm, Crowsley Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. November 13.

Long road home

From Mr D. E. Rae

Hants as Haiti.

November 18.

Sir, My wife's aunt in Dorset wrote in the summer, correctly addressing the envelope, postcode and all. We received it only three months later, the Post Office having misread

Yours sincerely, D. E. RAE, Kingfishers, Brookside Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Parish audit fees From the Chairman of

Bishopsbourne Parish Council

Sir, Your report of today (earlier editions) headed "Parish refuses to pay auditor's fee" highlights a coun-trywide scandal. Our parish councils are being treated as if we were Westminster City Council. Bishopsbourne is very similar to

Mappowder, with a precept of £650 last year with 191 electors. We also give grants to the village hall and the church and are responsible for the bus shelter. Last year the audit fee that we had to pay was £92. This year we have been told that the audit fee to be charged by the Audit Commission will be "greater than in the past. The increased fee, which still has to be finalised, is a result of the new regulations."

The Audit Commissions charges are excessive and an additional tax burden on our council-tax payers for no return when our accounts could be audited in about half an hour.

Yours faithfully, JOHN J. GRAHAM, Chairman, Bishopsbourne Parish Council, Pheasants Hall, Bishopsbourne. Nr Canterbury, Kent.

November 15. Kemal Ataturk's achievements, by the standards of the time, were as-

tounding. In the aftermath of a

devastating war, he created a new.

modern, non-imperial state. He abol-

ished the Sultanate and the Caliphate. He diverted the activities of the Islamic clergy from destructive fanaticism into constructive educational and social welfare policies. He created a popular education system, abolished polygamy, freed women from the veil and other discriminatory policies, introduced the Latin script

and adopted Western codes of law. As H. A. L. Fisher wrote in his History of Europe (1936), "the dervish, the chiromancer, the magician, the dice thrower and amulet seller were decreed out of existence".

Yours faithfully, ALAN THOMPSON. 11 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh 9. November II.

Getting about by train and by bike

From Mr Tom Culver

Sir, It is ironic that only two days after a guard told me that South West Trains is planning to introduce charges for cycles I read in your issue of today that Railtrack is hoping to open cycle-hire agencies at stations.

Railtrack has got it almost right. By combining rail and cycle travel one can get to almost anywhere in England. Any person fit enough to walk one mile can cycle five; and one can count on doing about ten miles an hour without very much effort.

I am an overweight 59-year-old barrister and I manage to get to most of the courts in London on my bike, and over much of the South East by train and bike. I get there as quickly as I could by public transport, and often more quickly than one could by car. I cycle all the year round, as can any fit person. I regard cycle and train as the future for terrestrial travel.

However, cycle hire at stations is not quite the answer. Cycles are more like shoes than cars: they need to fit you, and any regular cyclist is not only more comfortable on his own bike but safer - he knows where the brakes and gears are and is comfortable with

the balance. What is needed, therefore, is facilities for bikes on trains. Some rail companies, including South West Trains, are beginning to encourage bikes. But charges and the need to pre-book are immense disincentives. Perhaps Railtrack could waive charges for those parts of carriages used for transporting cycles.

Yours faithfully TOM CULVER, Cloisters, 1 Pump Court, Temple, EC4.

November 17.

From Inspector Adrian Walter

Sir, May I suggest that the Railtrack directors take their bicycle hire scheme one stage further and concrete over the track between Hertford North and Moorgate. I could then cycle to work, which would be more reliable and arguably quicker.

Yours etc. A. P. WALTER, The NMIS Project Office, Room 201. Tintasel House. Albert Embankment, SEI. November 18.

Traffic congestion From Mr Don McIntyre

Sir, Your report of November 10 on the recent congestion survey by Trafficmaster was misleadingly headlined: "Wider motorways blamed for jams". In fact the survey clearly states

The increased rate of congestion is being influenced by the relatively buoyant state of the economy, which makes use of transport for business and leisure more likely. The recently published Road Traf-

fic Forecasts (Great Britain) 1997 points out that lack of road improvement appears to be no deterrent to growth in use:

Road improvements on the Isle of Wight have been minimal. There are no motorways or trunk roads there, but traffic has grown at least as fast as in Great Britain as

Our transport problems, and the critical need for further road improvements, alongside demand-management measures and improved public transport, are far too serious to be misrepresented by catchy headlines.

Yours faithfully, DON McINTÝRE, Head of Highways and Traffic, Freight Transport Association, Hermes House, St John's Road. Tunbridge Wells, Kent. November 18.

Blessed villages

From Mr P. L. Crosland

Sir, Only 30 villages are believed to share the luck experienced by Aisholt on the Quantocks of having all combatants return alive from the First War (letter, November 15). According to the Somerset volume of the King's England series these were known as "thankful villages", though luck undoubtedly played a part.

All eight combatants returned from the Second World War to the tiny Somerset village of Stocklinch, adding to the 19 who survived the Great War. I doubt if many other villages were as fortunate as these two.

Yours faithfully. PETER CROSLAND, Sprackets Orchard. Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerset. November 17.

An everyday tale

From Mr Jon Massey

Sir, Is the plan to sacrifice children's Radio 4 in favour of an extra episode of The Archers the first example of the dum-di-dum-di-dumbingdown of the BBC?

Yours etc. JON MASSEY, Knackersknowle Cottage, Whitleigh Avenue. Crownhill, Plymouth, Devon. November 18.

RUSSIA TAKES CENTRE STAGE

ODOUR AND SANCTITY

Blair cannot escape past mistakes by making new ones

A more pragmatic Russia is earning respect from the West

The Russians are back on the world stage and the West is happy to welcome them. The four-power meeting in Geneva in the early hours of this morning, called to co-ordinate a united Security Council response to Saddam Hussein, underlines the crucial role that Moscow is again playing in a world crisis. The difference this time, unlike the period before the Gulf War, is that Moscow does not appear to be seeking unilateral advantage. No longer is a communist country trying to undercut the West with ideological blandishments to dictators; President Yeltsin's Russia now demonstrates a political maturity and pragmatism that are the most striking testaments to the democratic revolution that swept away the Soviet Union.

For several years after the collapse of communism, Russians were bewildered by the loss of empire and status. They demanded to be treated still with the deference and respect accorded to the former superpower; in return, however, they often displayed only petulance and posturing, uncertain of their interests, policies or ideological bearings. Andrei Kozyrev, the pro-Western Foreign Minister, took his country down the path of practical co-operation with the West; but nationalists and communists at home plotted constantly to undermine him. Even Mr Yeltsin blew hot and cold on his new friends in the West, sometimes offering co-operation, but at other times banging the old drum of Russian

A calmer, more pragmatic and unified

line now prevails. Economic reform, grow-

ing co-operation with international financial

special interests.

domestic living standards have all pushed the country into pursuing its interests in a more intelligent and less strident way. Earlier nationalist support for Serbia has given way to a restraining influence on Belgrade and effective military co-operation with Nato in Bosnia. The noisy campaign against Nato enlargement has been silenced as Russia tries to make the most of the Nato-Russia accord. Russia is at last taking seriously the need for a new relationship with Japan, including a fresh look at its occupation of the northern islands. Mr Yeltsin has just signed a landmark border agreement with China. And, most important of all, in the most sensitive areas - the former Soviet republics - restraint has

replaced bullying.
Not all the old policies or personalities have changed. Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister, is a former senior communist, an old apparatchik who held top posts in the Politburo and the KGB. His friendship with Saddam, his previous record in the Gulf and a still grudging cooperation with the West suggest that he would be an awkward partner if allowed to dictate policy. Luckily, Mr Yeltsin and the rest of the Government are so firmly set on reform that they can insist on a closer web of contacts with the West. Just as the dismissal of Anatoli Chubais as Finance Minister no longer signals a defeat for reform, so Mr Primakov's conversations with Tariq Aziz, Irag's Deputy Prime Minister, are no longer a threat to Security Council unity. Russia has earned its return to centre stage.

Turkish question From Mr Osman Streater

Sir. If I provide the information that will allow your Internet-literate readers to vote for Peter Mandelson, Desperate Dan or whomever they fancy in the Time magazine poll, do you think they might consider laying off writing snide letters about the number of votes Ataturk has received (letters, November 10, 13, 17)? '

I do think this would be helpful, especially at a time when British diplomacy is trying to persuade the Turks to allow the Incirlik base to be used to attack Iraq, and as usual is offering

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nothing in return. Well, I can only try. Time magazine

is actually looking for the 100 most important people of the century, divided into five categories. The Time web site www.time.com talks you through these and allows you to vote. Or you can vote by e-mail on time 100@time.com

Yours faithfully. OSMAN STREATER, Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W1. November 17.

From Professor Alan Thompson

teaching university students in Turkey I am impressed by the loyalty and affection shown by Turks of differing political views and social classes for the founder of the modern Turkish state. (In the West we show perhaps less gratitude and regard for our fore-

Sir, From my recent experience of



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Princess Royal. President, this morning visited the Save the Children Fund shop in Mill Street, Ballymena, and was received by Colonel James Leslie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the Royal Ulster Constabu-lary Regional Headquarters, Maydown, Londonderry, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry (Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell) The Princess Royal this after-noon visited Hilden Controlled

Integrated Primary School. Lisburn, County Antrim.

Her Royal Highness, Patron,
SENSE - the National Deafblind
and Rubella Association, later attended a Sense and Parents and Professionals and Autism Reception at Hillsborough Castle and was received by Mr Patrick Forde

(Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County

November 19: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were enter-tained to Luncheon at Guildhall this afternoon by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Alderman Richard Nichols) and Corporation of London in celebration of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess Royal.

accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and The Duke of Kent were present.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh viewed replicas of The Queen's Beasts given to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness on the occasion of their Golden Wedding by the Corporation of London as part of the restoration of

St George's Hall, Windsor Castle, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Gala Concert, followed by Dinner, at the Royal Festival Hall, London Wedding and were received by the Chairman, South Bank Centre (Sir

Brian Corby).
The Duke of York. The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

Angus Ogilvy, were present Members of Foreign Royal Fam ilies also attended.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, this morning chaired a meeting of the trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace

The Duke of Kent, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogitvy, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir

Lieutenant Colonel John Rose (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordre) was present at Luton Airport this morning upon the Arrival of The King and Queen of Spain and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of The Queen.
The Lord Haskel (Lord in Wait-

ing) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and welcomed Their Royal High nesses on behalf of Her Majesty. The Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Waterloo national Station, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The

Queen of Denmark and The Prince

of Denmark and welcomed Her

Majesty and His Royal Highness on behalf of The Queen. November 19: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bucking-

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 19: The Prince of Wales this morning received Tessa Jowell MP (Minister of State for Public

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a reception for the launch of the McCarthy Founda-tion's Bobby Appeal at St James's

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, later received Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Caplin upon assuming the appointment of Commanding Officer. 3 Regiment.

Army Air Corps.
His Royal Highness afterwards received the Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury). YORK HOUSE

November 19: The Duke of Kent, President, the Engineering Coun-cil, this morning attended the Annual Conference at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SWI.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a thanksgiving service to mark their golden wedding anniversary in Westminster Abbey at (LOO; they will attend a luncheon hosted by HM Govern-Whitehall, at 12.55. They will give a private dance at Windsor Castle at 10.30pm. Members of the Royal family will be present.

The Prince of Wales will give a luncheon at the Royal Naval College Greenwich at 1.25 for members of Royal Families and guests attending the Golden Wedding celebrations.

Memorial service

Sir Charles Cave The Lord-Lieutenant of Devon attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Charles Cave, landowner, held yesterday at the Parish Church, Ottery St Mary. The Rev Simon Willink officiated, sted by the Rev John Lee.

Sir John Cave and Mr Thomas Cave, sons, read the lessons. Mr Nicholas Cave, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr Richard Cave, son, read from the works of Siegfried Sassoon, Major-General Sir John Adland gave an address.

Today is the 50th anniversary of the marriage of The Queen to The Duke of Edinburgh.

Birthdays today -

Mr M.C. Alexander, writer, 77; Lord Archer of Sandwell, QC. 71: the Hon Hugh Astor, former deputy chairman, The Times, 77: Mr P.G. Badge, former chief metropolitan stipendiary mag-istrate, 66: Mr Gareth Chikoot, rugby player, 41; Mr Wallace Clark, Vice-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, 71; Mr Alistair Cooke, KBE, journalist and broadcaster, 89.

Mr R.M. Francis, art historian, 50: Mr Joseph J. Gaggero, chairman, GB Airways, 70: Sir Alan Goodison, former diplomat, 71: Miss Nadine Gordiner, author, 74; Miss Dulcie Gray, actress and authoress, 77; Mrs Penelope Hobbouse, horticulturist, 68; the Earl of Home, 54: Mr Aubrey Jones, former MP, 86: Sir Michael Latham. former MP. 55: Mr J.A.S. McPherson, Lord-Lieutenant of Grampian Region. 70: Sir Richard Morris, chemical engineer, 72; Sir David Price, former MP, 73; Mr A.M. Rees, former Chief Constable, Denbighshire and Stafford-shire, 85: Mr Steve Smith, athlete,

Luncheons

Corporation of London The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon given by the Corporation of London yesterday at Guildhall to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Princess Royal and Captain Timothy Laurence, the Duke of Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent attended.

the guests who included:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received The Ambassador of Lebanon, the High Commissioner for Uganda and Mrs Kirya, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, the Deputy Prime Minister, the P-like of Grafton, Commander Peter and Lady Moyra Campbell, Viscount and Viscountiess Cranborne, Viscount and Viscountiess Cranborne, Viscount and Viscountiess Silm, the Bishop of London and Mrs Chartres, Lady Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady Amhers of Hackney, Lord and Lady Amhers of Hackney, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, and Lady Callaghan, the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Baroness Brigstocke, Sir Denis Thatcher and Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS. Lord and Lady Noian. Sir Edward Heeth, KG, MP, Mr John Major, MP, and Mrs Major, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, and the Hon Mrs Brooke, the Private Secretary of Sinte for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Governor of the Bankof England and Mrs George, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Woolf, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Brown, the Hon Lady Brown and Lady Brown and Lady Brown and Lady Brown and Lady Hon Brown and Lady Hon Lady Cooper, Stranb

Patronages, of the Duke of Edinburgh's Patronages, of City institutions and total government in London, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship
The Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon at The Royal College of Surgeons of England on Tuesday, hosted by Sir Arnold Elton, CBE.

FRCS, to launch the World Fellow ship's Medical and Science Di-vision. The Duke of Edinburgh. Sir Arnold and Mr Simon Wakely were the speakers.

Stevenson Lecture

Professor Chris Stringer, a Palaeontologist from The Natural History Museum, will deliver the Stevenson Lecture on 'Human Evolution in Europe' at Royal Holloway, University of London, on Tuesday, November 25, at 5.30pm.



Silke Lohmann, left, and Alexandra Sprott of Sotheby's looking at *Paul et Virginie*; by the 19th-century sculptor Prosper d'Epinay. The marble statue is based on a tragic romance set on d'Epinay's native island, Mauritius, which commissioned it in 1881.

The work, last seen publicly in 1901, will be auctioned at Sotheby's today

Dinners

Inner Temple Lord Justice Staughton, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, and the Masters of the Bench entertained at dinner in Hall last night it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term.

Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner of Australia, the High Commissioner for Carada, the Earl of Mansfeld and Mansfeld, Bart Russell, the Right Rev Simon garrington-ward. Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead (neasure, Middle Temple), Lady Howe of Aberavon, the Hon Lady Goodbart, Sir Charles Williams, Caroline Lady Rhys Williams, Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagnail, Sir Antony Acland, Sir Nigel Bagnail, Sir Antony Acland, Sir Maurice Drake (pressurer, Lincola's Sevens, Lady Stanghotan, Sir Jocelyn Sevens, Lady Stanghotan, Lady Gurdon, Lady Wilkinston, Judge Earl Lewis, Of Circasurer, Gray's Lond, Mir Morton Neal, Mir Simon Sowes Iron, Mirs Catherina Sauchton. Brigadier Peter Little (sub-tressure).

United & Coci Class Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host to the United & Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, chairman, presided. Mr John Redwood, MP, and Mr John Bender were the speakers. Mr William Hague, Leader of the Conservative Party, attended a reception held

earlier.

Technology
Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman
of the Courcii of the Foundation
for Science and Technology, presided at a dirner discussion held
last night at the British Standards
Institution, Chiswick. Past Overseers Society of St Margaret & St John Westminster The Dean of Westminster was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Past Overseen

Society of St Margaret & St John Westminster held last night at the East India, Devonshire, Sports and Public Schools Club, Mr.J.L.C. Dribbell, chairman, presided. Mr Simon Marr-Johnson also snoke Westmisser Dining Clab

Westminster Dining Club
Dr Jill Clough, Headmistress of
Wimbledon High School, was the
guest speaker at a dinner of the
Westminster Dining Club field law
night at the Courad International
Hotel, Chelsea Harbour, Mrs
Elizabeth J. Peacock and Dame
Angela Rumbold, joint chairmen
of the club, were the hosts. Attends Compell

of State for Defence, opened t fifth national conference of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom held yesterday at Church House, Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale, chair, presided at the conference and dinner held afterwards.

Royal College of Pathologists Professor Roderick MacSwe President of the Royal College of Pathologists, and Mrs MacS were the hosts at the annual dirner held last night at the Royal College of Surgeons after the annual meeting and foundation lecture delivered by Professor Leopold G. Koss of the Mouteljore Medical Center, New York. Professor Si David Carter was the principal speaker at the dinner.

RICS Sir Alastair Morton of Eurotunne and Mr Ray French were the speakers at the annual dinner of the quantity surveyors' division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors beld last night at

The Chairman of the London Institute Court of Governors, Mr Julian E. Markham, last night hosted a dinner for members of the Court. The dinner was at the London Institute Gallery in Davies Street WI and special presentations were made to three retiring governors: Mr Alan Bermett, Ms Barbara Dohmann, QC, and Mr Bernard Gay.

Pembroke College, Cambridge The Pembroke College Cambridge Society held a dinner last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, to mark the 650th anniversary of mas eve 1347. Sir Roger Tomkys, Master, said Grace. Toests were proposed by Mr James Crowden and Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor, and Lord Prior replied on behalf of the College. presided.

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

The Triennial Dinner of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine Old Students' Association was heid last night at the Royal College of Physicians in Regent's Park. The guest of honour was Professor John Panison, Dean of University College London Medical School and Vice-Provist of University College London. Dr Rosemary Radley Smith, President, received.

Society of Merchants Trac to the Continent The Hon Nicholas Soames, MP. was guest of honour at a dinner the Society held on November 18, at Boodle's, St James's Street, Mr Rupert Hambro presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.J. Clark and Miss L.B.U. Greene The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs W.M. Clark, of Hope Cove, Devon, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.H. Greene, of Highgate London

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and Miss T.S. Kingston
The engagement is announced
between Paul, only son of M. and Mme C.H. Clement de l'Epine, of Paris, and Tippy, elder daughter of Mrs William Kingston, of York and the late Mr W.H.G. Kingston. Mr J.D.W. Freeman-Attwood and the Hon E.M. Rothschild The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Major H.W. Freeman-Attwood and of Mrs Elizabeth Mostyn-Owen, and Emmy, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Rothschild.

Mr R.E.K. Golding and Miss C.E. Newber The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Golding, of Newport, Gwent, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.G. Newbery, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamthire

Mr C.E. Philips and Mha J.A.L. Webb The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Phillips, and Jane, daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Webb, both of Bentworth, Hampshire,

Mr N.C.H. Purves and Mins M.J. Tosh The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs James Purves, of Dummos Essex, and Melanie, daughter of Mr Victor Tosh and Mrs Geoffrey Hughf, of Skelton, Cleveland.

and Miss M. Devine The engagement is announced between John, third son of the lane Mr Peter Connolly and of Mrs Peter Connolly, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Maria, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Edward

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Mr R.D. Sanday and Miss K.M. Hutton The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and-Mrs John Sanday, of Cusparne.
Ornwall and Kathmandu, and
Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs.
David Hutton, of Newmarket,
Soffolk.

Mr A.G. Smith and Miss V.J. Wilkinson The engagement is announced between Alexander, youngest son, of Mr and Mrs Basil Smith, of Hove, Sussex, and Victoria, elder daughter of Dr David and Dr Hazel Wilkinson, of Husthwaise,

Mr C.R. Wilmot-Sitwell and Miss C.M. Woodforde The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs P.S. Wilmot-Sitwell, of Dummer, Hampshire, and Catherine, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J.E.F.

Woodland Heights, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, left estate valued

Sybil Joan Robinson, of Peisted,

estate valued at £999,291 net. She left £500 to the Home of Rest for Horses, Aylesbury, Buckingban-mire.

Katrina Ruth Rausey, company,

director, of Theydon Mount, Epping, Essex, left estate valued at 1,067,980 net. She left £2,500 to St Mary's church. Shaples for Tryong, Rombord, and lo. St Michael's church, Theydon Mount. Essex.

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isabel Gwladys Mynasen-Press-burg, of London SW5, left estate valued at £3,120,344 net. valued at £3,120,344 net.

she left £50,000 each to the RSPCA, the World Society for the Protection of Animals, the Zoological Society of London, Greenpeace Environmental Trust, Cella Hammond Animal Trust, Friends of the Earth Trust, Marie Curie Cancer Care, the PDSA, the RSPCA-Putney Animal Hospital, and the Mayhew Home; and £3,500 each to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Nuffield Nursing Home Trust and Oxfam.

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Basingstoke, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,494,340 net. Cynthia Mary Black, of Win-chester, Hampshire, left estate: valued at £1,012,498 net. Henry Bertram Chrimes, of Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside, left e valued at FLOR7.687 net. Enid Aimee Gore, of Horton, lge, Ashford, Keni, left estate valued at £1,301,242 net.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Crammun, the "boy poet", Bristol, 1752; John Wall Callcott, composer, Kensington, 1766; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada 1896-1911, St. Lin. Quebec, 1841; Selma Lageriof, novelist, Nobel Isureate 1909, Marbacka, Sweden, 1858; Edwin Hubble, astronomer, Marshfield, Missouri, 1889.

DEATHS: Sir Christopher Hatton. Lord Chancellor 1587-91, London, 1591; Caroline of Ansbach, consort of King George II, London, 1737; Abraham Tucker, writer, Dorking, Surrey, 1774; John Williams, missionary, murdered by cannibals, Eromanga, 1839; Anton Rubinstein, pianist and composer,

Peterhof, Russia, 1894; Count Leo Tolstoy, writer, 1910; Alexandra, Queen Consort of King Edward VII, Sandringham, 1925; Augus-London, 1933; John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl Jellicoe, Admiral Prancisco Franco, dictator of Spain 1939-75, Madrid, 1975. Simon Bolivar declared Venezuela independent from Spain, 1818. Charles Stewart Rolls and Fred-

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CRAGES - On November 17th to Emms (néo Rowan Hamilton) and Marcus, a daughter, Isla Violet.

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SRAY - On Nevember 13th 1997, to Pamela (ase Kedy) and Sandy, a daughter.

LOWEN - On 26th October 1997 in New York City, to Carey (née Barclay) and Ted, a daughter, Katherine

DAM - Walter Hugh Claude ADAM - Walter Hugh Claude passed away peacefully at Chaldon Rise Nursing Home, Merstham, Surrey on Saturday 15th November oged 67 years. Beloved son of Phyllis Joan Lankester (died 1972) and consin to Charles Nesbirt-Larking (died 1980) and his children Pant Frances Wichelns.

(died 1980) and his children Faul, Frances, Nicholas, Miriam and Catoline, His gentle ways will be greatly missed by all his consins, Marjotie, David, See, Martin and John and the rest of their families, Funeral Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Catwick at 11 am on Saturday 22nd No., 200. Phys.

ARCHIE - On 15th Romanber at The Rad House, Yelverton, Devon, Captain Christopher Argias RR, aged 32 years, belowed hashand of the late Helen, father of Simon and Janet, grandfather and great-Jaset, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's.

Service at St Andrews, Buckiand Monachorum, Devon, on Friday 28th Movement at 11.35 am Re-flowers but densitions if so desired for ENLL to Monis Bros., 2 Drake Road, Taylstock, tel: (01822) 513021.

BALLS - Shelin Muriel (nos Chlesman), peacefully at home on November 16th, 1997 after a long filness suverly borne. Baloved wife of Christine, Richard, Cuby and Rosie and her eight grandchildren. Private cremation followed by a celebration of her life at St Mary's Chunch, High Road, Loughron at 12 o'clock on Tuesday 25th November. Family flowers only please but donations to Impendal

BEEDLE - Bilds Mary peacefully at home on Rovember 16th aged 81.

Lice of wise of Nice is and Movember following a short but commands fight against illness. A man for all seasons, he touched the discholar, Georgian and James, sister-in-law, sunt James

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November 18th, 1997. Beloved husband of Jean, leving father of Philipps, father and gandiather of Joshus, Gabriella, Nicholas and Michael Francel Service at Michael Funeral Service at St Poter's Church, Berkhameted on Friday November 21st at 2.30 pm. November 21st at 200 pm Enquiries to Funeral Directors (01442) 864848.

ELIS - Barbara Pauline (née Hasseldine) wife for 63 happy wate of Hamphry and noots of Fariet had 50s, peacefully in her sheep in her 89th year. Funeral Service at \$1 Maty's, Kingston 5t Mary, Taunton at 2.15 pm on Tuesday November Zith, followed by private committal at private committal at Taunton Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Flowers, or donations to the RNLL if wished, may be sent to Leonard E. Smith Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton, tel: (01823) 272122.

FOWLER - George Eric, DFC, M.A. (Cantab). Born 22nd June 1911, died 15th November 1997. Beloved husband of Dorothy, much loved father of Timothy. Amanda, Topsy and stepdaughter Jane. Cremation on Honday, 24th November 1997 at 12 hoom at Cheltenham Crematorius. Family flowers andy please, but docations if wined to The Semaritans of the funeral directors: Philip Ford, Diriston House, Calmacross Boad, Strond (Tel. 01453-763592).

GARDNEE - Diama Joanne Stanley died 17th Nevember. Much Isved and sadly missed by her bracker Paul and islees Jedith and Claire and nephrae Richard and Phillip Councilon at 10.30 am, 26th Numerican at 10.30 am, 26th Numerican

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principal of the School of Dancing, Bichmansworth, Suddanly and poucatully at home an 15th November, aged 91. Will be quality missed by Michael and Regiss (Elviers), Diana, Peter, jayne, Louiss and climites (Southampton), Allowand Chumpton, American (Southampton), Pamily (Southampton). Family funeral Monday 24th Kovember. No flowers. Enquiries (0181) 583-2429.

NEMPERSON - Suddenly on Saturday 15th November. 1997 William Strathers, loved and loving husband of Chaca, devoted inthe of Ben-and David. Private countries followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Ehn and Spanetan Parish Charalt su Priday 21st November at 12 noon, Family flowers only please but domations welcome for Ehu and Shandon Parish Gareth.

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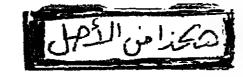
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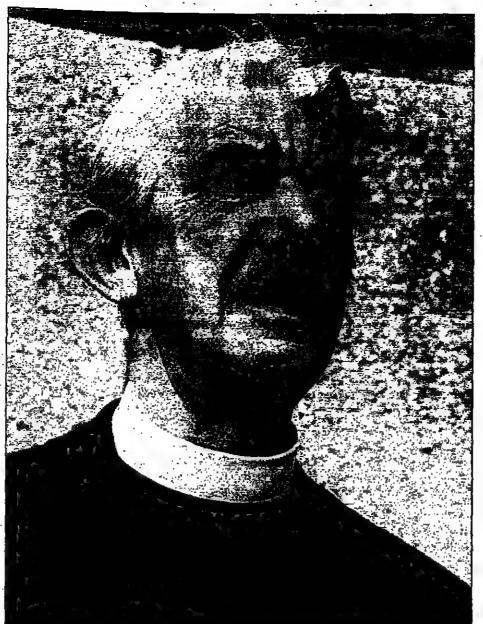
The Rev Edward Rogers, Methodist minister and former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council; died on October 27 aged 88. He was born on January 4, 1909.

n a ministry that span-ned 65 years 1-1 : Rogers served the Methodist Church in the East London Mission, rural Derbyshire; the Midlands and on the northwest coast. He was for many years one of the principal spokesmen of Methodism on social questions, serving from 1950 to 1975 as a distinguished secretary of the Chris-tian Citizenship Department subsequently the Division of Social Responsibility), which is specially charged with guiding church thinking on moral spects of contemporary

He also represented the Methodist Church for more han 30 years as a member of the British Council of Churches. He was the most senior former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, and was a past president of the Methodist Conference, having for his year of office had as his vice-president his contemporary George Thomas, later Viscount Tonypandy, who died five weeks before him.

Edward Rogers was born at Fleetwood, Lancashire, the son of a trawler master. His mother died when he was six and his father, who captained a minesweeper during the First World War, was killed in action. He was brought up by his grandmother, a devout Methodist, who made considerable sacrifices to send him to Baines's Poulton-le-Pylde Grammar School and ter to Manchester Univerity, where he read economics and politics and took a mas-

ter's degree. He considered a career as a professional economist, but was repelled by the materialistic aridity of much economic thinking and decided instead to study at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, where he trained for the Methodist ministry. Although he had been brought up within the Primitive Methodist Church, his entry into the ministry coincided with the Methodist Union of 1932, so that when he culties, he gained his reputeventually became president ation as a thoughtful and he was able to claim that he was the first man to do so who his ninistry within the united Church.



in Canning Town, East London, and during the years of . industrial depression he had an epportunity of studying poverty at first hand. This helped to mould his early interest in economic questions. and though he was never a sentimentalist, he was stirred by the need for more intelli-

gent and practical under-standing of the factors which made such hardship possible. After two years in Bakewell. Derbyshire, he went in 1939 to Sutton Park, Birmingham, where despite wartime diffiskilled administrator. In 1947 he was appointed to Southport, Lancashire, and by this. time his facility in debate and his knowledge of politics and

His first appointment was economics - matters which are never far from the thoughts of a modern Methodist Conference - had marked him out as a Conference figure of great potential. in 1950, when the sudden death of the Rev Noel

Hutchcroft created a vacancy in the secretariat of the Christian Citizenship Department. it seemed almost inevitable that Rogers should be selected to fill it. The Christian Citizenship Department of the Methodist Church was the successor of the Temperance and Social Welfare Department which the Rev Henry Carter made into a formidable of the century. Formed pri-marily to support the Methodist dislike of intemperance, it was turned by Carter into a machine to foster practical

thinking and to create a social concern far wider than a preoccupation with the evils of alcohol

With this wider aim Rogers had keen sympathy. Both in co-operation with the Rev E. C. Urwin, whom he was to succeed as senior secretary in 1953, and then in a most creative partnership with Kenneth Greet for many years, he insisted on a careful collection of facts, and impressed the Church with his view that mere uninformed indignation was not a constructive policy.

His task was made no easier by more enthusiastic zealots inside the Church, but though not temporising, he insisted on the need for tolerance. With the Church sharply divided on auch questions as pacifism, he was a master of drafting

resolutions and pronouncements that could find a compromise between conflicting opinions.

A man of few words in a talkative denomination, he was renowned for his silences. He was, however, a master of debate, and a lucid and per-suasive speaker. He was slight in stature, with a deadpan expression which many comedians would have envied. This enabled him to deal with hostile questions with devastating effect. His gift of phrase was remarkable, and he had sometimes a seeming delight in shocking his audience. No man had ever before in a Methodist Conference opened discussion on moral issues by talking of "pimps, pansies and prostitutes", as he did on one occasion.

He became president of the Methodist Conference in 1960, being one of the youngest holders of the office in recent times. His analyses of social problems brought him a reputation well beyond his own Church and he was equally esteemed at interna-

cional conferences. He was also a member of several advisory committees set up both by the Government and by church bodies. From 1953 to 1975 he led the Methodist Relief and Development Fund and from 1960 to 1964 was chairman of the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Services of the British Council of Churches.

He was Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council in 1966, being chairman of its executive from 1974 to 1980, and also served as a vicepresident of the British Council of Churches; he continued to give notable service in the counsels of both bodies for many years.

His interest in a wide range of social questions, from immigration and race relations to gambling and animal welfare. is reflected in his numerous publications, which included a publications, which included a timely Commentary on Communism (1951); Law, Morality and Gospel (1969); and Changing Humanity: Genetic Engineering (1989). From 1949 onwards he was an editorial director of the Methodist Recorder, for which he compiled regular Conference Notebook. An avid reader, he had a passion for science fiction.

Edward Rogers was twice married. His first wife, Edith Mary Sutton, whom he had married in 1937, predeceased him. In 1979 he married Lucy Evelyn Howlett, who survives

JOHN CARSWELL

John Carswell, CB, civil servant, historian and former Secretary of the British Academy, died on November 12 aged 79. He was born on May 30, 1918.

JOHN CARSWELL led an extraordinary double life. By day he was a senior civil servant, deeply involved in the expansion of Britain's universities in the 1960s and 1970s. But at night he became a serious historian, specialising in the late 17th and 18th centuries. For years his family in Hampstead was hulled to sleep by the rattle of his typewriter into the small hours.

The historians Hugh

Trevor-Roper (now Lord Dacre) and A. L. Rowse were among those who praised his work - including such books as The Descent on England (about the 1688 Glorious Revolution) and The South Sea Bubble. Rowse, reviewing the latter when it first appeared in 1960, described it as "the best book on the subject". On retiring from Whitehall

at the age of 60, Carswell was appointed secretary of the British Academy and run the staff side of that august body for five years. He oversaw its move from Piccadilly to its recent headquarters in Regent's Park and became a close friend of the then president Sir Isaiah Berlin. (The two men were to die within a few days of each other.)

John Patrick Carswell came from an impressively literary background. Born in Hampstead, he was the son of a barrister and author - who was to perish in the Second World War when he stepped under a bus in the London b<u>lack</u>-out.

His mother Catherine Carswell was, however, the more distinguished. A prominent member of the literary circle of her day she was a close friend of John Buchan and, slightly incongruously, of D.H. Lawrence as well. Her own output included two novels and a warts-and-all biography of Robert Burns which caused a rumpus in 1930. Her revelations of the poet's love life prompted one outraged Scot to send her a bullet. Carswell went from Mer-

chant Taylors' School to St John's College, Oxford, to read history, graduating just before the Second World War. Comcashire Regiment, he served from 1940 until 1946, mainly in staff jobs in India.

Demobilised as a major, he then joined the Ministry of



Pensions and National Insurance at a time when the welfare state was being created. He was seconded for a year in the mid-1950s to act as joint secretary to the Phillips Committee on the Economic and Financial Problems of Provision for Old Age. This was followed by two years as principal private secretary to the then Minister of Pensions, John Boyd-Carpenter.

In 1961 Carswell left for the Treasury, where he was chiefly concerned with the financial ramifications of the Robbins Committee on Higher Education and university expansion. Apart from a brief spell at the Ministry of Health, higher education was to preoccupy him thereafter.

He moved to the Department of Education and Science for a number of years, then in 1974 was made secretary of the University Grants Committee (UGC). He held this post until his retirement as a deputy under-secretary, then joined the British Academy in 1978. He had been appointed CB in 1977.

The academy, to which he was devoted, had already good reason to feel indebted to him. While at the UGC, Carswell had been instrumental in securing a number of research grants for it, thus enabling a significant expansion of its activities.

He remained a frequent and valued contributor to such ournals as the TLS and History Today. But his dozen or so books also included one on government and the universities, another on the Civil Service and one entitled The

Saving of Kenwood and the Northern Heights.

The last of these reflected his passionate concern for the conservation of Hampstead. He served for a time as chairman of the Heath and Old Hampstead Society in succession to Peggy Jay. Carswell was also a life member of the Institute of Historical Research, and had been a history research fellow at University College London since 1983.

Despite his depth of scholarship, Carswell was a sociable family man, with a wide circle of friends and an appetite for the theatre and extensive travel. An enthusiastic member of the Garrick, he lunched there at least once a week.

Every year he would join Sir Peter Strawson, former Waynflete Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy at Oxford and a friend from university days, for a five-day walking

He and Strawson also shared a passion for 18th and early-19th-century war games. They could be seen happily scrambling about Carswell's garden from time to time. deploying regiments of toy soldiers or tiring one-inch nails at them from toy cannon. He married his wife lanthe in 1944. A childhood friend

from Hampstead, she had gone out to India herself while working for the Ministry of Information, and they were married in Delhi. Carswell, who had suffered increasingly from osteoporosis in the last year or two, is survived by her and their two daughters.

JOHN PARKMAN

the force.

John Parkman, MBE, head of the Wales Regional Crime Squad died on October 31 aged 81. He was born on September 28, 1916.

JOHN PARKMAN was the longest-serving detective in Wales, climbing through the ranks from a "beat bobby" in Tiger Bay, Cardiff, to assistant chief constable and head of the

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Wales Regional Crime Squad.: He spent most of his 33 years service in the CID, and was acknowledged as one of the sharpest brains in the police forces in Britain. He helped to send murderers to the gallows and put gangsters behind bars, but it was the coal tip disaster at Aberfan that gave him his greatest

As head of the Regional

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Crime Squad he was in charge of the team of detectives who had the heart-rending job of identifying the bodies of the 116 children and 28 adults who were buried beneath an avalanche of shale on October 21. 1966. He showed great compassion to the grieving parents, but the nightmare of those days stayed with him for the rest of his life.

Three years after Aberian,

William John Parkman was in charge of security at Caernar-ion Castle for the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales. A boy had recently lost his legs in a bombing in the area, so the threat of a sniper's bullet or terrorist bomb was a real possibility, as Weish extremists protested against the Investiture.

The security success at Caernarion added to the fears

of chief constables in Britain that the regional crime squads were gaining too much power. A political decision was taken to break up the squads, and the regional co-ordinators including Parkman - were given the alternatives of taking a drop in rank or leaving

Parkman opted out of the job he loved, bringing to an end more than three decades of service, which had started in 1937 when he joined the former Cardiff City Police Force, where his mother, Annie Parkman, was keeper and cleaner of the cells. After four vears in uniform. Constable Parkman was transferred to the CID and spent a year as a detective before joining the Royal Air Force.

He won his pilot's wings, and as a flying officer served as an instructor in South Africa, Rhodesia, the Middle East and Italy. On leaving the Air Force he became a detective, busting the gangs which were springing up in Cardiff in the postwar years.

As a chief inspector in 1962, he pioneered a move which was a forerunner of the regional crime squads in which he was to play a major role. He brought together detectives from his own force, Newport, Monmouthshire and



Glamorgan to fight crime on a united front. It was the murder of a woman on the border between Cardiff and Glamorgan that led to this. Ordnance survey maps were brought out to decide which of the two neighbouring forces should

conduct the investigation. Valuable time was wasted and the killer was never caught.

The principle of regional and national policing remained with Parkman for the rest of his life. Earlier this year he wrote to The Times spelling

out the advantages of shared intelligence and united efforts to beat drug barons, terrorism and major criminals.

When the question of capital punishment was being debated in the 1960s, John Parkman drove from Cardiff to Nottingham to question a suspect in the fatal shooting of a man on the doorstep of a house in Cardiff. He arrested Edgar Valentine Black, who admitted shooting the victim, who had had an affair with Black's

As they drove back to South Wales, Black asked if he could have a pint. Parkman broke all the rules. He took the handcuffs off the prisoner and they had two pints of beer in a crowded bar before continuing the journey. Three months later Black was sentenced to death, only to be reprieved two days before the execution day. He died in prison last year.

John Parkman also made a name for himself as a swimmer. He was captain of the Welsh waterpolo team, played for the British Police team and was an Olympic trialist. He also held the record for the Taff Swim in Cardiff.

He was appointed MBE in 1971 and is survived by his wife, Valmai, a son and a daughter.

WIDESPREAD FOG

CONFUSION ON THE ROADS

THICK fog enveloped the greater part of Southern England in the course of Sunday night, and extended on the East Coast as far north as Yorkshire. In the South-East it proved persistent in many places. On the South Coast fog was either absent or was confined to the early morning or the evening, and in many places the day was sunny and mild. There was nothing last night to suggest a rapid general dispersion of the fog to-day, and it is not improbable that some districts on the South Coast that had none yesterday may experience it to-day. In the Midlands the tendency should as a rule be for clearer weather. due to winds from between south-west

and west According to the Automobile Associ-ation, which sent out special observers on Sunday night, pedestrian crossings and Belisha beacons proved practically useless in the fog. The chief complaints were that the beacons could not be seen

ON THIS DAY

November 20, 1934

Widespread was the word; fog on the Bristol-Gloucester road was "very thick", at King's Lynn visibility was ten yards, and seven on the Kendal-Carlisle road.

and that pedestrians did not care to risk using uncontrolled crossings. In addition, motorists disregarded the silence order after 11.30 pm and used their horns. An official of the association said:-

The position was that in the earlier part of the evening, with visibility six yards in North London and Kent, the Belisha beacons could not be seen, nor could the automatic traffic lights be seen. This was bad enough, but at 11.30 pm, when the sounding of horns is lights is imperative.

prohibited, the position became almost intolerable. Motorists did the only thing they could do in the circumstances they disregarded the silence order. Although traffic had perforce to travel at a maximum of 10 miles an hour, pedestrians did not use the uncontrolled crossings. Where a policeman was controlling traffic, motorists did get some indication, but the position was generally chaotic. This shows that beacons, which in many cases in normal conditions are difficult to see, are more than valueless in fog unless strongly illuminated. The white studs were not visible and the rear lights of cycles also could not be seen.

Still further confusion was caused by the fact that many advertising lights were much more conspicuous than either the Belisha beacons or the automatic signals, with the result that the motorist, seeing some sort of light, drove towards it and completely lost his bearings. Some control of advertising lights which can be confused with traffic

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■ The Duke of Edinburgh paid warm tribute to his wife's tolerance in an unusually personal speech marking the couple's golden wedding anniversary.

With the Queen at his side he also expressed his belief that a partnership in marriage could achieve much more than a single individual. "The main lesson we have learnt is that tolerance is the one essential ingredient," he told 800 guests at a .. Pages 1, 4, 5, 23 lunch at Guildhall in the City ...

Instant millionaires

■ The American stockbroker Merrill Lynch paid £3.1 billion for Mercury Asset Management, the City pension fund manager, Hugh Stevenson, Carol Galley and Stephen Zimmerman made at least £10 million each and share options turned up to 300 of the staff into millionaires Pages 1, 27

Speed reading

Half of the children attending the Government's first literacy summer schools made six months' progress in three weeks, according to an evaluation of the .. Page 1 project.

Labour admission

Peter Mandelson admitted that the Government had behaved "out of character" over the Formula One affair and risked damaging its bond of trust with the British people... ...Page 2

Winchman lost

A search in 70-mile-an-hour gales and heavy seas continued off Shetland after a helicopter winchman was lost while rescuing 10 crewmen from a wrecked cargo ship... ...Page 3

Children in care

Children in care continue to face appalling sexual and physical abuse from staff, foster parents and peers despite a succession of government inquiries Page 9

Photographs of children have

been seized by police investigating claims that the veteran pop star Gary Glitter possessed child

Glitter allegation

pornography ... Dying baby ruling A baby girl suffering from a fatal degenerative disease should be allowed to die against the wishes of her Orthodox Jewish parents,

Joweil summoned

Tessa Jowell has been summoned to a special Commons hearing after failing to satisfy a committee over the reasons behind Formula One's exemption from the tobacco sponsorship ban Page 13

Clothing fraud raids

Hundreds of police launched dawn raids in the Sentier dothing district of Paris in an operation to break up a £100 million fraud ring within the French "ready-towear" industry.... ...Page 14 Indian car bomb

A car bomb killed at least 23 people in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad. It was probably intended for Paritali Ravi, a politician and film producer who was at film studio party Page 16

Anti-Castro tricks The Pentagon has released classified documents about dirty tricks offered to President Kennedy as ways of sabotaging President Castro of Cuba Page 17

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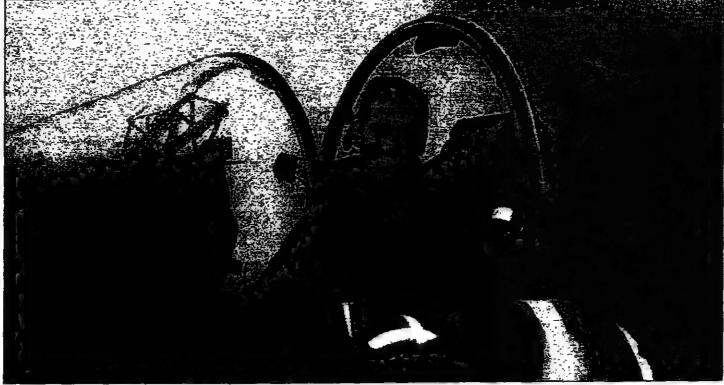
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celled tours to Egypt until at least the new year in the aftermath of the Luxor massacre. Other coun-..... Page 11 tries may follow suit Page 18 Iraq's Dr Germ

The mastermind behind Iraq's biological weapons programme is Dr Rihab Taha, nicknamed "Dr Germ" by the inspectors bethe High Court ruled Page 12 fore their departure Page 19

Not tunight, Josephine

A love letter from Napoleon to Josephine points up what remains a minefield in the French language. He complains to his bride of a few weeks: "You call me vous. How could you have written a letter like that? It is so cold." The notoriously umfaithful Josephine may have avoided the more intimate tu to keep the young soldier's amour on the boil Pages 18, 40



A Harrier GR7 being prepared at RAF Wittering in Cambridge to join HMS Invincible for possible Gulf deployment. Page 19

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Moreury: Merrill Lynch, the American financial group, is paying £3.1 billion for Mercury Asset Management to create the world's third largest fund managerPage 27

Saleway: Shares in the supermarkets group dived from 394p to 330p after a warning on profits and

Ferry clearance: P&O's plans to merge its cross-Channel operations with Stena were provisionally cleared by British and European competition Union .Page 27

Markets: The FTSB 100 index fell 15.3 points to close at 4830.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 103.8 to 104.0 after a fall from \$1.6942 to \$1.6902 but a rise from DM2.9223 to DM2.9288 ... Page 30

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Rugby union: Jonah Lomu has been recalled to the New Zealand team to play England. It will be his first international since his kidney complaint was diagnosed...Page 52.

Footbolk: Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, and Gerry Francis, the manager, said their farewells amid a welter of mutual praise. As divorces go, it could not have been more amicable.....

Golf: Fourteen teams will contest the fifth national final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge which begins today in La

Racing: A plan for funding the sport will urge the Government to switch up to £75 million a year from betting duty and allow punters to bet in pubs...

Peace price: Brad Pitt thought that filming Seven Years in Tibet in the foothills of the Andes would ensure anonymity. He wound up under

Sinister charm: Benedict Nightingale is dazzled by the energy and wit of Kander and Ebb's darkly elegant musical, Chicago, in its sharp, spare West End revival at Page 38

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Wrong tasts: Some Japanese worry that the decline in British tea-drinking is causing England to lose its

History leason: Lawrence James. goes to war with Napoleon: Roy Porter dissects the history of disease: Claire Bloom remembers Ingrid Bergman Pages 40, 41

Boot buye: Escape to the Yorkshire Moors and Dales, roast your Christmas turkey aboard a houseboat on the Norfolk Broads or fly on a three-night Christmas shopping special in Istanbul Page 44

The killers of Luxor have managed to realise their immediate objective: to turn away tourists from the Nile Valley. They are punishing millions of Egyptians who live from tourism and millions of tourists for whom Egypt is the destination of

22, 47, 27, 33; 42, 46. Bonus: 32. Guaranteed jackpot: £15 million.

Preview: The Royal Family reliens on the restoration of Windsor Castle. Network First (ITV, 10.40pm: regional variations). Review: Joe Joseph sees Inspector Morse play crossword puzzles Pages 50.50

Golden Duke

It takes two to make a marriage, it can take a hero as well as a heroire to make a golden wedding. Solet us not forget the Duke behind the Throne.....

Odour and sanctity

Disclosure would free William Hague to make the principled case against the proposals Tony Blair is keen to promote......

Russia at centre stage

President Yeltsin's Russia now demonstrates a political maturity and pragmatism that are the most striking testaments to the democratic revolution that swept away the Sovjet Union...

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Saddam's ability to agitate America rests on his understanding that it has developed a phobia of military death... ... Page 22 MAGNUS LINKLATER

There was a simplicity about Sir Ron Dearing's report on higher education. Now it is beginning to degenerate into confusion, with worrying signs of bureaucracy and downright unfairness Page 22 WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The gold value of a gold sovereign now has much the same purchasing power as it would have had the year Cromwell cut off the head of Charles I....

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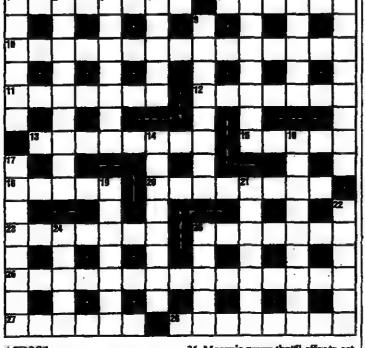
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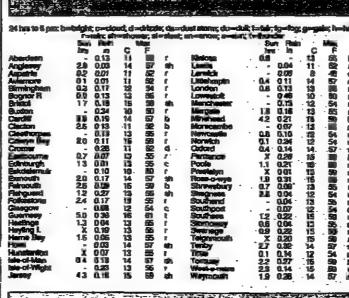
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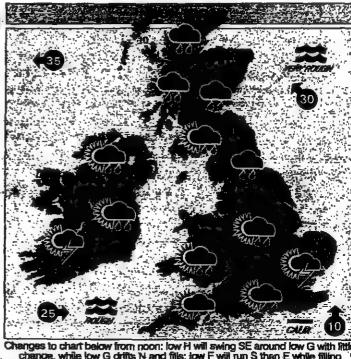
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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20 1997

US investment bank acquires Merrill Lynch leading British fund manager

Merrill pays £3.1bn for MAM

Analysts hail deal as a 'brilliant coup' for Mercury

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY Asset Management, the UK's biggest fund manager, stunned the City yesterday by announcing it had agreed to a £3.1 billion takeover by Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank.

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Merrill Lynch is offering £17 per share, a premium of almost 32 per cent on Tuesday's closing price. In return, MAM will form the core of a new business to be called Merrill Lynch Mercury Asset Management (MLMAM).

The all-cash deal catapults Merrill Lynch into the world's top three asset managers with

Commentary Market report.

£266-billion of funds, placing: it behind only Fidelity and Axa, the French insurer. MAM gains much needed ac-cess to file US market and Merrill Lynch's vast capital. to make £32.4 million from the sale of their shares alone, unanimously recommended the offer to shareholders. Directors will receive tens of millions of pounds thore from

the deal is completed. Shares in MAM soared on news of the deal, rising 380p to £16.75. Other fund managers

with M&G up 160p to £13.35. Schroders up 140p to £18.15 and Perpetual up 240p to £24.75, as traders speculated about further consolidation in

Financial analysts hailed the deal as a "brilliant coup' for MAM, which has been the target for some heavy criticism in recent months because of the poor performance of its main pooled pension fund: Hugh Stevenson, the chair-

man of MAM, will become non-executive chairman for a year to oversee the integration of the two businesses. Carol Galley, widely regared as the most powerful woman in the City, and Stephen Zimmerman are to be co-heads of MLMAM and sit on Merrill Lynch's executive manage-ment committee. There will be no redundancies at MAM.

Merrill Lynch is still worklock in MAM's 1,300 employees, who between them own 3 per cent of the company's dent and chief operating officer at the US investment bank, indicated that the schemes would reward longterm peformance and loyalty.

Mr Stevenson said: "Since 1987, Mercury has an excep-tional record of providing shareholder value and, at the offer price, the total return to shareholders has exceeded their investment by over 30



Herb Allison, left, with Hugh Stevenson, Michael Marks, of Merrill Lynch Europe, and David Causer, MAM's finance director, yesterday

ers, fully reflecting the under-lying value of Mercury."

Speculation about MAM has been unrelenting since the fund manager severed its links with SG Warburg, the merchant bank, now owned by SBC, the Swiss bank, in

tion will intensify speculation about the remaining fund managers, particularly M&G, which is being stalked by Halifax. Barciays has also expressed interest in buying a fund manager.

The deal will also push up the value of UK fund manag-Merrill Lynch is paying

the equivalent of 3 per cent of funds under management; the industry norm is about 2 per cent. NatWest acquired Gartmore last year for £450 million, paying a price equiva-lent to 1.9 per cent of funds under management.

The only dissenting voices

that clients may be unnerved by the change in ownership.
"It is a very good deal for Mercury shareholders, but is it a good deal for their clients?" said one senior fund manager.

Others who may view the Merrill deal with some displea-

firms, including Leonard Licht, the company's founder, who stepped down 18 months ago. John Richards, formerly head of institutional investments at MAM, left in May to join Nicola Horlick, another former Mercury executive, at Société Générale.

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Utility's bill

Hyder, the Welsh water and electricity company, raised its pre-tax profits from £100.7 million to £105.4 million in the six months to the end of September. After deduction of a £282 million windfall tax charge, the group sufferd a £190 million loss. Page 32

FKI strategy

FKI, the industrial products group, expects strong cash flow and disposals to top up its coffers sufficiently to permit it to make more acquisitions, Page 33

Safeway shares in biggest one-day fall after warning

SAFEWAY shares suffered their sharpest one-day fall yesterday as the group gave warning that fierce competition from its rival supermar-kets and supply problems will eliminate any profits growth The company is freezing its

interim dividend after blaming the advance of J Sainsbury, image problems and stock shortages for a sharp downturn in autumn sales growth. In spite of promising to return £600 million to shareholders over the next three years, its shares plunged 16 per cent, to 330p, as analysts downgraded yearend profits forecasts by £30 million to £420 million. Colin Smith, chief executive, said the first half showed 3 per cent like-for-like sales growth

and underlying pre-tax profit of £230 million (£223 million). But since October 11, this growth has slumped to 0.2 per cent - all from inflation, with no underlying improvement. He said: We have seen the strength of the results coming from our competitors, especially Sainsbury. We cannot divorce the results from what's been going on with us."

Food delivery problems are also holding back growth, he said, adding to the continuing problem of Safeway being seen as an expensive store. After a £9.6 million interest. charge from its earlier share buyback, earnings were 14.9p (144p) a share. The 44p dividend, held for the first

time ever, is due February 9. Commentary, page 29



Smith: delivery problems

P&O gets backing for joint sailing with Stena Line

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND DOMINIC WALSH

P&O and Stena Line were given the go-ahead yesterday to merge cross-Channel ferry services but will have to cap passenger fares if rival companies are forced off the route.
The Department of Trade and Industry and the Euro-pean Commission agreed the

long-awaited decision to allow the two companies to run joint services between Dover and Calais, Dover-Zeebrugge and Newhaven-Dieppe. The move will lead to a loss of 1,000 out of 5,000 jobs and a reduction in cross-Channel sailings. However, the companies have been ordered to give an

undertaking within three months that they will cap prices if a duopoly develops with Eurotunnel Ministers and European commissioners in Brussels

Hoverspeed are forced to withdraw from the short route. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, made clear concerns that prices abolition, in 1999, of the dutyfree concession that enables ferry operators to peg fares. The companies, which to-

rivals such as SeaFrance and

short-crossings market, will move swiftly to combine services. The merged company, P&O Stena Line, will be 60 per cent owned by the British company. Both companies insist the move is intended to cut costs, estimated at £75 million, rather than increase fares.

Commentary, page 29

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Glaxo blunders over dividend THERE were red faces at Glam Wellcome yesterday

after the pharmaceuticals company owned up to a glaring corporate error over its half-year dividend (George Sivell writes).

It was meant to be paid as a foreign income dividend to shareholders but as a result of what Glaxo described as an "administrative error" it was paid as an ordinary dividend. This means that non-taxpaying shareholders, such as pension funds, are short of some of their dividend. Glaxo says they will be sent a tax credit to compensate although it does not expect the tax charge

to be affected. It refused to comment on whether

heads would roll but pointed out that the bulk of the cost of the mistake would be a £250,000 bill for posting an explanatory letter to shareholders. Glazo said the mistake was first spotted internally. The news accompanied a trading statement showing sales 3 per cent down to E6.711 billion in the first ten

Troubled Ionica sees shares slide SHARES of lonica, the wireless telecommunica-

tions group that floated in August. lost 40 per cent of their value yesterday after the company revealed delays with software, unexpected capacity limits and the introduction of tighter credit procedures (Raymond Snoddy writes), Immediately after flotation Ionica shares reached

421p, valuing the company at £714 million. Yesterday they plunged 101p to 156 2p, reducing its market value to £437 million. Nigel Playford, founder and chief executive, said he understood the reaction of the analysts but emphasised that the company was building a long-term business. He said underlying demand for Ionica's services was strong. The company revealed the difficulties as it announced results for the six mouths to September 30, showing pre-tax losses of £61.5 million, after £13 million last time. The number of residential customers rose 27 per cent in the second quarter to around 31,000, below forecasts. Commentary, page 29

Marchpole chief to pocket £11m MICHAEL MORRIS, chief executive of Marchpole

Holdings, the Yves Saint Laurent (YSL) menswear group and sponsor of the Regent Street Christmas lights, will pocket Ell million when the company floats on the stock market next month (writes

Mr Morris, who joined the group in 1985, is retaining a 38 per cent stake worth at least £50 million. However, Michael Reiner, one of the founders who retired from the board at the beginning of the year, is eashing in his remaining stake for an estimated £13 million. The company announced yesterday that it plans to

place up to 61.2 million shares at between 120p and 150p, valuing the company at between £140 million and £165 million. Up to 32.5 million will be placed by the company, raising around £39 million to pay of preference share capital and loan stock. Existing investors are offloading another 28.7 million shares. Tempes, page 30

Rebound in high street sales stirs fears of rate rise

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

HIGH street sales bounced back sharply in October, resurrecting fears in the City of further interest rate rises.

Retail sales volumes, which slumped in September because of shop closures for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, jumped 2.8 per cent in October. pushing the annual rate of growth up from 3.7 per cent to 6.4 per cent.

The cold weather provided a boost for clothing and footwear sales, which rose 8.2 per cent in the month - the biggest monthly gain for ten years. Household goods sales also bounced back, rising 4 per cent over the month, after the latest windfall payout from Northern Rock.

But the Treasury insisted that the headline figures, which were stronger than the City had expected, disguised some evidence of a slowdown in the quarterly growth rate. Sales in August to October

increased just 0.4 per cent over the previous quarter, with the slowdown most apparent in sectors that had previously benefited from windfall spending. Sales of household goods fell 2.2 per cent compared with the previous quarter.

A Treasury spokesman said: Taking September and October together and smoothing out the impact on retail sales of the funeral, retail sales were little changed from the previous three months."

Economists, however, were divided on whether the tentative signs of a slowdown would be sufficient to persuade the Bank of England to



in the next few months. Richard Illey, UK economist at Hoare Govett, said: "While a final festive binge cannot be ruled out, windfall spending has probably peaked." But Jonathan Loynes, UK economist at HSBC, said: "Any slowdown looks too little too late to prevent the monetary policy committee from pushing interest rates up further." ☐ The Bank of England has appointed John Vickers, of Oxford University, as its chief economist to replace Mervyn

Mr Vickers is currently Drummond Professor of Political Economy at All Souls College, Oxford, and is a member of Oftel's economic committee. An expert on in-dustrial and regulatory economics, he served on Labour's competition advisory committee and previously worked as a financial analyst at Shell.

King, who is stepping up to become a Deputy Governor of

A Bank spokesman said: "We are pleased to have attracted such a top-notch economist who will bring a different economic perspective to the Bank."

Mr Vickers will also join the monetary policy committee, once Mr King officially becomes Deputy Governor after the enactment of the Bank of



DAWSON International, the Scottish knitwear producer which makes Pringle sweaters, has assured the City that its recovery plan will keep profits on track despite difficult autumn trading. Derek Finlay, chairman, above, saw

a drop in prices of cashing yarn send pre-tax profits to an expected £6.3 million (£7.5 million) for the 27 weeks to October 4. Earnings were 2.6p a share, against 3.2p, and the interim dividend rises to

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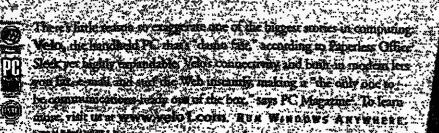
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Revenue wins Botnar ruling

THE Inland Revenue yesterday won a £100 million tax ruling against Octav Botnar, the 84-year-old tycoon. But as the former Nissan UK chief vowed to appeal, his lawyers said that the Revenue had little chance of collecting the money.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe overturned a previous decision by the Revenue's Special Commissioners that Mr Botnar did not have to pay tax on divi-dends paid to his charitable trust by Nissan UK.

The move comes just two weeks after the Revenue dropped its case against Mr Botnar alleging tax iraud, say-ing he was too ill to stand trial. Mr Botnar has been living in Switzerland since the Revenue raided his offices in 1991, but now plans to return to the UK.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe ruled that as the deeds of the trust specifically precluded Mr Botnar and his wife from benefiting from the trust, they could have potentially benefitted by changing the deeds.

In his ruling, the judge pointed out that between 1988 and 1990 the trust had owned the lease on a flat in Eaton Square, Central London, occupied by Mr Botnar. However, Jeffrey Greene Russell, Mr Botnar's lawyers, said that this lease had been put in the wrong trust in error and that Mr Botnar had paid £50,000 tax to cover the error.

Yesterday Mr Botnar vowed to appeal against the ruling, describing it as "highly cre-ative" and "bearing no resem-blance to reality". Mark Spragg, a partner at Jeffrey Green Russell, said that the judge had only considered one. out of six points raised by the Special Commissioner.

Mr Spragg added that the Revenue would be unlikely to be able to collect the E68 million of back tax or the £30 million or so of interest that has accumulated. Mr Botnar has few assets in the UK and the Revenue is not allowed, under Swiss law, to claim tax payments from Switzerland or even discuss UK tax matters on Swiss soil.

Welfare to Work warning

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government was warned yesterday by a Labour-dominated committee of MPs that its New Deal Welfare to Work programme willbe "disastrous" unless ministers quickly improve its education and training provisions.

The committee's warning came as it published an early analysis of the £2.5 billion New Deal jobs scheme, under which the young and long-term unem-ployed will be offered work or training without the option of remaining on benefit.

Employment specialists in-sist that the quality of educa-tion and training offered under the New Deal will be vital to its success, but Derek Foster, chairman of the allparty Commons Employment Select Committee, said the Government had not yet en sured that the education and training elements of the New Deal were fully in place.

Speaking at the launch of the committee's report on the New Deal, he said: "The time is short. And they had better get on with it very quickly indeed. The consequences if we don't will be disastrous for the programme, and for the young people themselves."

Unemployed young people, he said, would gauge the programme on whether it led to a job and offered real

MPs on the committee said there was "widespread optimism" about the programme.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

UK pension funds defy market turmoil

BRITISH pension funds have enjoyed strong growth this year despite the stock market turmoil, according to a report from the WM Company, the financial performance consultants. By September 30, the average pension fund showed an actual return since January of 18.9 per cent. although sharp falls on markets around the world in October are likely to have reduced that by about 6 per cent.

WM described the 12 per cent return over the first ten months as a "healthy average". Peter Warrington of WM said: "As funds produced a return of 6 per cent in September, October's fall only neutralised September's rise and so can be seen as little more than a slight market correction, returning tunds to the level reached at the end of August. Some managers had expected and positioned themselves for a more severe fall than has taken place so far." He added: "The tenmonth return compares favourably with an average annual return over the last ten calendar years of 11.9 per cent."

Murdoch son appointed

JAMES MURDOCH, 24, the son of Rupert Murdoch, has been appointed president of News America Digital Publishing, the newly consolidated Internet publishing division of News Cor-poration, parent company of *The Times*. He will be responsible for the electronic versions of media outlets like TV Guide, Fox News and Fox Sport television. James Murdoch said: "We will be able to offer consumers a compelling arsenal of digital publishing products and services."

Milk Marque offer

MILK MARQUE, the dominant supplier of milk in England and Wales, is seeking to offer long-term contracts to customers, David Yeomans, chief executive, will tell the Agra Europe conference in London today. The move is designed to encourage investment in processing capacity by offering dairy companies secure milk supplies at market-related prices. Milk Marque's own moves into the processing of raw milk have come under

Estée Lauder expands

ESTEE LAUDER, which makes make-up products and fragrances, said it would buy Aveda Corp. a maker of shampoos and other hair care products, for \$300 million (£176 million) in cash. Aveda, based in Minneapolis, sells its 700 products primarily through distributors to about 30,000 professional salons and also operates 130 Aveda stores. Estée Lauder declined to say how much annual revenues Aveda generates and also decimed to say how Estee Lauder would finance the deal.

Lloyd's reviews rules

LLOYD'S OF LONDON is set to revise its rules governing which brokers can use its insurance market, allowing access for more firms; the chairman, Sir David Rowland, said. Lioyd's will "explore the way the best brokers in each territory, who may not be Lloyd's brokers at all, can become part of the network", he said. Only brokers meeting strict criteria can place business in Lloyd's market. A review is needed because the number of Lloyd's brokers has plateaued, Sir David said.

Asian syndicates forecast

UP TO 20 Lloyd's of London underwriting syr set up in Singapore when it completes negotiations to open its Asian headquarters in the city state, Sir David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman, said. He added: "I can't give you a precise number, but if it was a dozen; 15, 20, I think it would be a very good start indeed." Lloyd's has been in discussions with Singapore insurance authorities to establish a trading presence for about 18 months.

Peer backs Mentorn

THE MENTORN GROUP, owner of Mentorn Barraciough Carey, the independent television production company, is being backed by Lord Lloyd-Webber, the composer and businessman, for an expansion of its radio interests. The company, which has a turnover of around £30 million a year, has recently set up a broadcast division to bring together its radio interests. Lord Lloyd-Webber has taken a personal 25 per cent stake in Mentorn Broadcast for about £2 million.

EBRD profits rise

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development reported a profit before provisions of 45 million ecus (£30.4 million) and a two million ecus profit after provisions in the three months to September 30. The EBRD said its year-to-date profit before provisions increased to 149.9 million ecus (69.7 million ecus), and profit after provisions grew to 15.1 million ecus (2.2 million ecus). Year-to-date provisions were 134.8 million ecus (67.5 million ecus).

Concentric disposal

CONCENTRIC has sold the assets of the loss-making, nonsatellite part of its Concentric (Pressed Products) subsidiary for E7 million to European Commercial Pressings. On September 30, 1996, the net assets being sold amounted to £10.2 million. In the year to that date, the subsidiary's sales were £22.4 million and there was a £200,000 pre-tax loss. Concentric will receive £3.5 million on completion, £1.5 million in two instalments by March 31, 2000, and £2 million dependent on profitability.

Tomkins widens buyback

TOMKINS, the conglomerate, is extending its buyback programme in the new year to achieve its targeted level of debts of 15 per cent of shareholders' funds. The plan will proceed in the absence of sizeable add-on acquisitions. The company also said it will give a presentation to investors in New York, in which it will reiterate its commitment to focusing on the development of a number of strategic business activities with long-term growth potential.

Swedish state prosecutor to see Moyne over Trustor

By Jon Ashworth

SWEDEN'S state prosecutor, Bo Skarinder, is to fly to London to question Lord Moyne about the alleged misappropriation of £49 mil-lion in funds from Trustor, the Swedish investment group of which the 67-yearold peer is chairman.

Lord Moyne, better known as Jonathan Guinness, is today expected to issue a further statement clarifying his role in the affair, which saw the funds pass through an account at Barclays Bank in London. The funds were subsequently dispersed to various accounts around the world. Lord Moyne and his business associate Lindsay Smallbone are signatories on the Barclays account.

Mr Skarinder said that he hoped to interview Lord Moyne and Mr Smallbone next week. A request will be made via the Serious Fraud Office, in London, which is beloing the Swedish authorities under mutual legal assis-

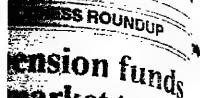
tance legislation. Moyne yesterday said that he intended to issue a statement today. Lord Moyne has de-

nied any wrongdoing in his dealings with Trustor, but he is under pressure to clarify his role in the affair.

Lord Moyne two weeks ago announced his intention to step down as chairman of Trustor, saying that he had been let down by his Swedish

Yesterday, he was quoted in a newspaper as saying: "I do believe there were irregularities, but I wasn't part of it." He said that he "may" have put his signature to bits of paper", but otherwise de-clined to elaborate on his role.

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MAM goes the American way

sending a message of congratulations to Carol Ca and her colleagues on their enriching deal with Merrill Lynch. But the hoteliers would certainly testify to the immense power and influence that Merrill is acquiring with its takeover of Mercury Asset Management Such things do not come cheap, hence Mernil's readiness

to pay a 30 per cent premium to the Mercury share price with barely a quibble.

The deal is one of those dreams which appears to deliver to both sides almost exactly what they want. Since its divorce from Warburg, MAM has scoured the United States for a suitable partner to give it global status and simultaneously Merrill has been seeking to bolster its asset management business, which barely registers in the UK.

London's finance firms are falling into foreign hands at such a formidable rate that it is

a formidable rate that it is surprising that the British National Party has not staged a demonstration. Perhaps it has failed to notice the changing ownership of the Square Mile. But yesterday's deal does, with the signature on a single £3.1 billion cheque, put ultimate con-trol of a herty slice of the British stock market into the ultimate control of the US business which continues to rejoice in its Thundering Herd reputation.

After the Prudential, MAM is

probably the largest investor in the UK market, with a total holding of around 5 per cent, its tendency to take hig positions in its chosen companies magnifies its effect, as Sir Rocco found out. He is now busy building a new hotel empire after Ms Galley and her colleagues were instrumental in delivering his old one to joily Gerry Robinson at Granada.

There is no reason to suspect that the MAM investment approach will change under new its new ownership, but there is the prospect that MAM, with Merrill's backing, will have even greater influence. Although it might not be wise

to mention it in Sir Rocco's earshot, the record indicates that the MAM team will use its power wisely. The performance tables show an extraordinarily consistent pattern of out performance by the Mercury funds. It is only because of its reputation for being up near the top of the tree that the slip up with the pooled pension fund has occasioned such comment. Whereas PDFM continues to proclaim that its strategy is right and the market is wrong, MAM's bosses have been quick to acknowledge the error and have changed course.



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

MAM clearly goes beyond the bottom line. Three of the MAM team will join the main executive board in New York. That is a move which should give some comfort to the nationalist tendency who see foreigners taking over the City. Carol Galley. Stephen Zimmerman and Hugh Stephenson will be unlikely to let American voices in the Merrill boardroom drown out their own views on how the business should be developed.

Duty calls for **Lord Sterling**

ord Sterling was onck-a-hoop as the green light shone for P&O Ferries to combine its cross-Channel operations with Stena. After waiting more than a year for the com-petition authorities in Brussels and the UK to reach a decision, their pronouncement was more generous than even he might have expected. So the downwards reaction of the P&O share price seemed churlish in the extreme. Commissioner Karel van

Miert appears to have ensured that sense prevailed, although the Director-General of the Office of Pair Trading, John Bridgeman, had indicated a wish to stop the merger, or hamper it with unwisidy, and perhaps unworkable, restrictions. There may be a cheerful message to be gleaned from the fact that the President of the Board of Trade. Margaret Beckett, was prevailed upon to bow to Brussels rather than her natural inclinations to block it.

But establishing a workable regime for the ferry operators - and one which should allow a reasonable profit margin — is just the first stage in Lord Sterling's crusade. He can now be expected to turn his attentions to the issue of duty free sales, which the Council of Ministers has determined to abolish. In

theory, the booze cruises should come to an end in 1999. While this might improve the calibre of the company on some cross-Channel trips, it will do little for the fare structure. Cheap crossings come courtesy of substantial splashing out on whisky and fags and the scent to

disguise them.
The EU thinking was that duty free was an anomaly in a single market with a harmonized tax system and it should go. But while its abolition is now scheduled, tax harmonisation remains a distant dream, which poses a few problems for those who make duty free sales, whether on the sea or in the air.

Shop staff on the P&O ferry to Bilbao could find themselves in some quandary over pricing as they sail from Portsmouth into international waters (no duty) and then into French waters (duty a la Français) back into international waters and onto Spain, and its duties.

Tomorrow, at the European jobs summit, the Irish Prime Minister will make a plea for the abolition of duty free sales to be postponed because of the disastrous effect it could have on the estimated 140,000 people who are employed in the sector. The potential for disputes with officious customs officials should also be taken into account.

Tales of the illogical

ven Molly, precocious star of the Safeway television commercials, might sense something amiss in yesterday's tale from the supermarket group. Sales growth has ground to a halt but, insists chief executive Colin Smith, the recently aborted merger talks with Asda were in no way influenced by this passing problem and, anyhow, Saleway's market share remains

Molly could have told Mr Smith that Roald Dahl would never have risked such a story line, and the City certainly did not buy it. The booklet of fancy drawings which Saleway produced was lacking the essential illustration: three big, unfriendly

giants prepared to fight hard. Tesco seems secure as pack leader while the indications are that Sainsbury has regained its confidence and is on track to regain its position as a superior grocer. Asda has carved out its own price-conscious niche, but Saleway is struggling. It is saddled with a rump of old stores which are the wrong size and in the wrong place, and which will prove hard to ditch.

No wonder the prospect of a deal with Asda seemed attractive to Smith. But if the logic was so pressing months ago when the talks began, it is difficult to see why both companies are so adamant that the idea must now be buried. Going through the inevitable Monopolies Commission inquiry would create a degree of uncertainty for employees but yesterday's performance can hardly have left Safeway staff feeling entirely comfortable.

Ionica's crossed line

FOUR MONTHS is a long time in the go-go world of telecoms.
Witness the extraordinary saga
of BT, MCI and WorldCom. But
the tale of Ionica makes the battle for control of one struggling telephone operator look sane. The company was floated on optimism and a share price of 390p and crashed down to 167p last night. Customer numbers are apparently on the increase but investors may be tempted to hang up on this one.

Generator

plans £1bn

overseas

expansion

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT NATIONAL POWER, the

country's largest generator, could spend more than £1 billion on international expansion by the end of the century as its home

market contracts. The gen-

erator has already invest-

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yesterday said that it plans

more spending as interna-

tional business starts to

Keith Henry, chief exec-utive, said the company

would continue buying

overseas assets at the rate

of £300 million a year.

National Power's domes-

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months to September 30.

The generator dealt another a blow to RJB

National Power's share

deliver profits.

US banks merge in record \$16bn deal

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

FIRST UNION and Core-States Financial, retail banks on America's East Coast, have agreed a \$16 billion (£10 billion) merger, the biggest in US banking history. CoreStates earlier numed

down an \$18 billion offer from Mellon Bank, another East Coast retail bank, because of a silure to agree who would lead the combined group. The First Union merger tops

of NationsBank and Barnett Bank. Analysis expect the merger wave to accelerate, creating a few leading retailbanks who dominate their

geographic area. Harold Schroeder, analyst at Keefe Buryett & Woods, said: "Size matters. The handwriting is certainly on the wall for more consolidation. It's

> Fidelity to merge UK subsidiaries

FIDELITY, the US fund

management group, has announced that it is merg-

ing its troubled UK brokerage company with Fidelity Investments, its other. UK subsidiary, as part of a renewed assault on the European market (Gavin Lumsden writes).

Barry Bateman, president of Fidelity International, which incorporates the Investments division. has been appointed chair-man of Fidelity Brokerage Services (FBS). Giles Vardey, the former Stock Exchange director, remains FBS president but will report to Mr Bateman. FBS was fined £220,000 by the Securities and Futures Authority in May after administrative failures.

going to be very difficult for other banks to compete with these larger banks." The American banking sys

tem is highly fragmented for historical reasons. The Glass-Steagall Act of 1934 divorced retail banking from investment banking in the aftermath of the 1929 Wall Street crash and the Depression. Banking groups such as JP Morgan subsequently concentrated on high-margin retail banking to provincial merchiners.

Until recently, regulators also restricted banks to statewide activity, mirroring the system of powerful state reserve banks. Acquisitionhungry retail banks are now buying or merging with direct competitors after a relaxation of banking regulations. However, their strategies still assume that the creation of new nationwide retail banks re-

mains very difficult. Citibank and Chase Manhattan, the only two retail banks with a well-developed national network, are currently concentrating on their investment banking arms.

After the easing of Glass-Steagall rules, retail banks and insurance companies are free to buy investment banks but not vice versa. This rule change made possible the recent \$9 billion acquisition of Salomon Brothers, the Wall Street house, by Travelers Group, the insurance company. Analysis expect that First Union's next move after

the merger could be a Wall Street acquisition. First Union-CoreStates will have a strong presence on the Atlantic coast from Florida to New England, with 2,700 branches. They will form the sixth-largest retail bank in America with \$200 billion in assets. First Union currently has \$140 billion in assets and is in the process of acquiring Signet Banking from Virginia. in retail warehousing, shop-



Wiseman shrugs off milk competition

ROBERT WISEMAN Dairies has shrugged off tough competition in supplying milk to supermarkets and has lifted sales and operating profits by 8 per cent. Unigate and

Northern Foods have this week bemoaned the low profitability of supermarket sales, Wiseman is making an operating margin of 7 per cent, in spite of 74 per cent of its sales being to multiples. Alan Wiseman, chairman, said that this was "a realistic return for our

said that his company's new dairy in Manchester, which produces 175 million litres of milk a year, was taking customers from Northern Foods. By April, Wiseman will have invested £50 million in two years, paying particular attention, when designing processing systems, to the trolleys that supermarkets use to transport milk.

Pre-tax profits in the half year to September 27 rose 41.5 per cent, to £8.65 million, on sales of £125.2 million. The Scorish Pride business, which Wiseman bought from receivers for £4.8 million in March, contributed 25 million litres of the first-half output of 285 million litres of milk.

Earnings rose 34 per cent, to 7.32p. A 1.32p Interim dividend, up 15 per cent, is due on February 19.

Mining when Mr Henry said that he saw no pros-pect of Government assistance for the coal industry, nor state support for the development of clean-coal technology. Mr Henry is involved in tough negotia-tions with RJB on new

coal contracts. National Power's pretax profits for the half year were broadly flat at £254 million, against £251 million. Profits from overseas activities more than tripled to \$67 million. The interior dividend, payable January 6, rises 50 per cent to 9p.

Land Securities hit Metal price fears knock by decline in sales **Rio Tinto**

BY MARTIN BARROW

PROFITS at Land Securities, Britain's biggest property company, slipped in the first half after a downturn in property sales. The company also said that rental growth had not been evident in all sectors, prompting a rebalancing of its property portfolio.
Pre-tax profits fell to £124.7

million from £128.9 million in the six months to September 30, with net rental income little changed at £205.5 million (£201.1 million). Sir Peter Hunt, chairman and managing director, said the company had seen good levels of lettings

ping centres, certain high streets and central London shops and offices. Sale proceeds of £195.5 mil-

lion were marginally below book value. The two major sales completed during the period were Sanctuary Buildings in Victoria, central London, which houses the Department of Education and Employment and is believed to have fetched £110 million, and Princes Quay shopping centre in Leeds.

Earnings fell to 17.27p a share (18.44p). The interim dividend is lifted to 7.60p a share from 7.35p.

SHARES in Rio Tinto, the UK mining group, fell to their lowest level in almost three years on growing concerns about base metal prices.

The shares, worth £11.09 in June, fell 20p to 720p yester-day, their lowest level since February 1995. Analysts attributed the reversal to wor-ries about global base metal prices after a downturn in

Yesterday the World Gold Council said third-quarter gold demand in South East Asia was less than half the level in 1996. Thailand sold more gold than it acquired and gold prices are close to a

Change in fashion knocks Courtaulds

By CARL MORTISHED

COURTAULDS, the chemicals group which makes Tencel, the new fibre, suffered a setback as fashion trends turned against denim. Some 80 per cent of the cellulosebased product was being sold into the denim market but poor demand, a weak Japanese market and stockpiling last year left Courtaulds with too much Tencel in the pipeline.

Group pre-tax profits fell from £65 million to £62 million in the half year to September, hit by the strength of the pound. Courtaulds lost £6 million from translating overseas earnings but a £10 million setback was because of transactions, mainly as a result of selling fibres and chemicals made in the UK to inverseas customers.

Gordon Campbell, chief ex-

ecutive, said long-term plans

for Tencel would not be im-

paired as the company was reducing the dependence on denim which was now down to 60 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 10.7p to 13.4p and the dividend is up 3 per cent to

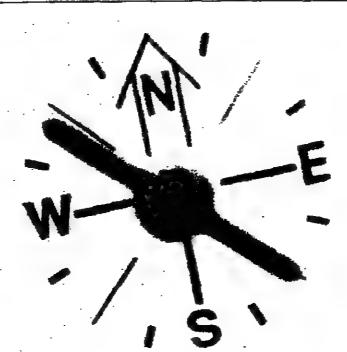
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MICHAEL CLARK

Brokers angry at heavy Merrill discount deals

the Thundering Herd yester day. No sooner had Merrill Lynch concluded plans to pay E3.1 billion for Mercury Asset Management than it was back in the market-place raising the hackles of rival brokers by discounted basket trades.

Merrill Lynch was believed to be behind a series of strange moves recorded by the computerised trading screens that threw the market for smaller companies into confusion and left some firms struggling to avoid large paper losses.

Among them was Brands Hatch Leisure, 212p easier at 16312p. Closer inspection revealed a line of 230,000 bought at 165p and unloaded at 125p. There was also a heavily discounted trade in Cliveden. the hotelier, 3p cheaper at 50'ap. A line of 633,332 shares. which may have belonged to GAN Asset Management. were bought at 5312p and sold on at 35p, while Suttcliffe Speakman, 12p easier at 1912p, saw two million bought at 20p, with 1.75 million of

them sold on later at 17p. One irate broker said: "It appears to have been a bought deal with Merrill having been asked to unwind a portfolio of shares in various smaller companies. It's caused all sorts of problems for other brokers dealing in those shares affected.

Merrill Lynch declined to COMMITTERIL

Elsewhere, an opening rise on Wall Street enabled Landon to recover from an initial bout of litters, brought on by the overnight setback for the Nikkei average in Japan and the rebound in the October retail sales. This inevitably led to revived fears of another rise in bank base rates.

The FTSE 100 index, down almost 60 points at one stage. rallied strongly towards the close. It ended 15.3 lower at 4.830.1, with total turnover of 803 million shares.

The biggest fall was served for Ionica Group, with the interim figures failing to live up to market expectations. The shares tumbled 96p to 15612p, wiping £167.7 million from the group's stock market value of E437 million. The telecoms group made its market debut in August at around the 421p level.

Buy recommendations from the likes of Lehman Brothers, SBC Warburg, James Capel and UBS rang the right num-



Barry Whitehead, finance director, and Alistair Arkley of Century Inns. Ip higher as investment yields profits

ber for Vodafone, which rallied with a rise of 1412p to 356p. The shares had been undermined on Tuesday by

news of price cuts. Rio Tinto was another casualty, dropping 2612p to 720p against a background of fall-ing base metal prices. The drop in demand for metals. such as copper, stems from the continuing volatility in Far

East markets. Brokers say copper remains big business for Rio Tinto, accounting for a fifth of group sales and 43 per cent of net earnings. But with currency deflation continuing to take a toll on the tiger economies, demand for the metal has been falling. Paribas, the broker, recently downgraded its recommendation for the group from a



(£3.1 billion) agreed bid for Mercury Asset Management, up 380p at £16.75. caught the City on the wrong foot. The deal creates the world's biggest investment group with £266 billion of funds under management.

The speculators are hoping not to be caught out again and are already. hopefully, targeting the next financial company on the hit list.

M&G Group, up 165p at £13.35, has been tipped as a potential target for some-time. The group is believed

Merrili Lynch's £17-a-share to have already had talks (£3.) billion) agreed bid for with the Halifax, 280 dearer at 695p. But the new new management at M&G wanted more time to get the company into shape in order to achieve a better ther down the line.

Rival fund manager Per stual also jumped 240p to £24.75 in sympathy with MAM, while among the few remaining independent merchant banks speculative buying drove Schroders 140p higher to £18.15 with the non-voting 55p up at £16.05. Hambros also rose 4p to 249p.

the tin price was good news for Petaling Tin, up 3p at 53p. The overnight setback in Japan that saw the Nikkei fall 5 per cent left Fleming Japan

3120 lower at 134120. Brokers are continuing to take a cautious view of prospects for De la Rue after interim results earlier this week. Credit Lyonnais Laing and BZW have both come out

with "sell" recommendations. There was further volatility for Williams, with the price dropping 3312p to 35012p in the wake of Tuesday's sharp rise. Brokers were last night blaming the Stock Exchange's new trading system for the moves with the spread between bid and offer widening

considerably.

Century Inns, headed by Alistair Arkley, chief executive, firmed lp to 131p after confirming plans to plough further money into its chain of tenanted pubs. The move has been paying off, with profits last year growing from £7.1 million to £8.5 million.

A number of brokers took the view that Safeway shares looked cheap in the run-up to esterday's interim figures. Now they look even cheaper. with the price dropping 64p to 330p after the group followed up February's profits warning with vet another. Bill Myers at Williams de Broë, the broker, has lowered his recommendation on the shares from "hold"

Other supermarket chains were marked lower, with J Sainsbury down 1712p at 476'2p, Asda 3'2p at 159'2p, Tesco 1612p at 47312p, and Somerfield 5p at 189p.

GILT-EDGED: Bond

prices in London took their ead from firmer European markets, with investors perturbed by current volatility still switching out of equities. The market was able to shrug off those stronger than expect ed retail sales numbers.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt moderate trading that saw 81,000 contacts completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

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NEW YORK: Prices firm-

ed despite nerves over Asia's problems. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 39.54 points to 7,690.36 by midday.

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Homeless Bovis

SHOULD P&O be selling Bovis next month? The company affirms that the flotation is on course but signs are that the market is barely interested. The baseline valuation of £250 million mooted only a month ago is looking remarkably shaky and a figure closer to £200 million might be necessary to find a home for all the shares.

The trouble is not Bovis, which is by all accounts a reasonably profitable housebuilder, but the sector. Institutions are not interested in builders, fearing mortgage rate increases, rising land prices and a gnawing suspicion that the London house-price bubble will burst before it has had time to reach the provinces. Hence the share prices of leading builders such as Beazer and Wimpey have tumbled 20 to 30 per cent since the beginning of the year. Investors who want a stake in this industry can

buy shares in an established housebuilder such as Barratt Developments, valued at 10.5 times forecasts of current-year earnings. Beazer and Wimpey are even cheaper at 9.5 times yet Bovis hopes to float at multiples of more than ten times earnings of £25 million. Having recently been stuffed with expen-sive shares in the Berkeley Homes rights

issue, the marker's appetite for Bovis looks slim and a discount of at least 10 to 15 per cent seems inevitable, leaving Bovis valued about E225 million. What message would P&O send to the market if it sold Bovis at such a slim premium to its nets assets of £200 million? If P&O really wanted to secure value for its

shareholders, it would demerge Bovis and let investors choose when to sell their shares. But P&O needs cash to build cruise ships, so Bovis is for the chopping block.

Courtaulds

SHARES in Courtaulds have fallen so far that they might tempt the unwary. Assuming earnings per share in the current year of 24p, the stock is trading on a multiple as low as 11. That is good enough reason not to sell Courtaulds but provides no ciue as to when growth will take the earnings higher.

Volatility in demand for Tencel is not too much of a worry when production of the fibre is still in low volumes, but signs that consumer demand is weak in Japan is a worry — that country being a key buyer of the new fibre. Courtaulds is seeking new markets for Tencel and hopes to reduce dependence on denim to 20 per cent, but it is still a lone way from turning this material into a household name, such as Lycra, which would

Courtaulds is hoping for.

The big headache for Courtaulds is the strong pound, which spoilt a strong advance in local currency terms from coatings and polymers. However, translation problems are less worrying than export difficulties in fibres and chemicals, where Courtsulds is paying the

guarantee the super-profits

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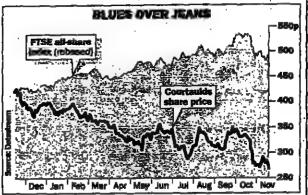
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price for choosing to build its Tencel factory in the UK rather than on the Continent. The high capital cost of plant means that relocation is not an option. Sooner or later the pound will fall, but even then investors may have to wait for jam as a rising tax charge will slow the growth in earnings. One for very



Marchpole

WHAT DO Frankie Dettori, Ian Wright, Grant Mitchell of BastEnders, and the Chelses football team have in common? Answer: they all wear Yves Saint Laurent clothing designed and distributed by Marchpole Holdings.

The down-market progress of the YSL brand offers scope for Marchpole to build its business as a public company. The once elite Paris couturier is now in kidswear and (heaven forbid) sportswear, reflecting the trend to dress down on more days than Friday.

to international ambitions, with a menswear licence for Turkey and a casualwear licence for Japan. Being neither manufacturer nor retailer, Marchpole argues that it is low risk. It designs clothes under the eye of its Paris overseers, and then distributes them to retailers on a Nevertheless, Marchpole is

Newcastle Utd OTHER floats may have per-

could Marchpole.

have been as shambolic as Newcastle United's: A few weeks before the club came to market, its manager, Kevin Keegan; resigned. A few weeks later, the joint chief executive, Mark Corbidge, resigned. Shortly after that, Sir John Hall stepped down as chairman of the football club subsidiary.

Now the apparent raison d'être for floating - the new 55,000-seat stadium at Castle Leazes — has been put on the backburner. Instead, United has asked the local council to approve a plan to expand the old stadium to 50,000 seats. According to United, this expansion will be done without hitting existing capacity and will generate as much revenue as Castle Leazes. If this is achieved; it will be a miracle. yesterday and the management may be left with egg on their faces once the plans are brought to fruition.

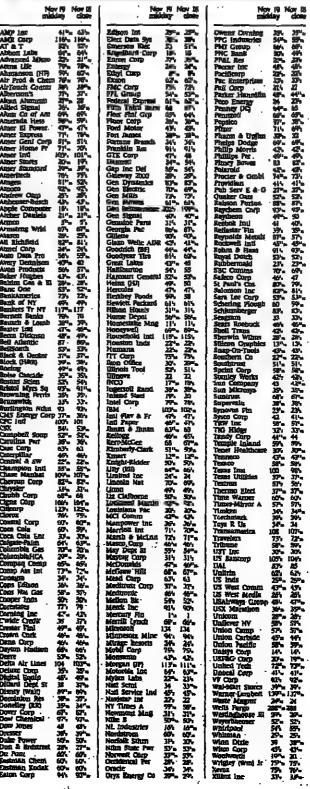
The future of United is appearing less bright all the time. The shares have fallen from a post-float high of 140p to 992 p yesterday. And that looks too expensive.

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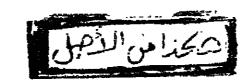
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"What I'd really like is for Merrill Lynch

Tony Blair has likened the government of the UK to running a company. The analogy can be misleading but is

highly relevant in one respect. The day-to-day management of the UK economy needs to be guided by a longer-term strategy that sets out the Government's economic objectives and the policies to achieve them. Formulating a strategy can reveal embarrassing contradictions in different areas of policy; but the resolution of these is a major reason for the exercise. At present, economic policy is made up of sometimes conflicting initiatives, without any apparent overall strategy.

A key government objective is to tackle unemployment. But there is an obvious inconsistency here between their supply and demand side policies. On the one hand, they have emphasised the importance of supply side measures. such as education and training, or Welfare to Work, to get people

proach to demand manageme

than their predecessors, which

will limit the demand for labour.

They have given the Bank of England independence to deter-

mine interest rates, guided only by

an inflation target, with no men-

tion of an output or unemploy-ment objective. This is bound to

set a bias towards a high interest

rate, and hence exchange rate,

regime. And there are certainly no

signs of any compensatory loosen-

ing of fiscal policy. Both the Bank

and the Treasury are concerned

that unemployment should not

fall any lower for fear of setting up

What then is the Government

hoping to achieve from its Welfare

to Work measures? We are in

Time for a long-term strategy to emerge into work. On the other, they have adopted a more restrictive ap-Government talks with unions and employers are key to

a coherent economic policy, says John Grieve Smith

danger of repeating the US pattern of churning people into and out of low-paid jobs. How does

that fit in with a minimum wage? The Prime Minister extols the virtues of flexible labour markets, but at the same time emphasises the need for more education and training. But the major incubus on producing more skilled workers has been the high level of unemployment and the growth of Development of a skilled labour force depends on a strong enough demand for labour and sufficient

companies the incentive to invest in training their workforce.

The Chancellor repeatedly investment investment in new capacity, however, depends on the outlook for sales both at home and abroad. At the moment the Government's macroeconomic policy stance suggests that business should be cautious about the future growth of home demand. As far as exports are concerned, the overvaluation of sterling and the danger that this will continue is deterring British or foreign

capacity in the UK for export markets. Indeed the current issue in many firms is whether to close export capacity. There is little

point in the Government exhorting firms to "prepare" for the entry to EMU when no one has any idea whether we might go in at DM295 or DM225 to the pound. For industry the really important 'preparation" is concerned with planning sales and investment. A high interest rate/exchange rate policy for the next few years is totally at odds with any industrially successful entry to EMU.

voked an exodus of private

investors. It recently unveiled a planned shake-up of its

range of funds, merging some,

and changing the names of others, in the hope of putting

things back on track. In the

meantime, it is perceived as

Perpetual, the UK's largest

provider of Peps, expressed

concern this week about the

Government's tinkering with

private savings, and the pro-posed individual savings ac-

count (Isa) in particular. It was

quoted at saying that a nega-tive enough scenario could even push it into a merger.

moderated yesterday. What

the group meant to say was

that it would be considering a

range of options, of which a merger would be the definite

Perpetual thinks that the MAM-Merrill tie-up will inev-

itably lead to greater pressure

for consolidation in the UK

fund management industry -

in the same way that merger mania has broken out among

the Big Six accounting firms.

Comparisons can be drawn

with America, where a larger

market share is being divided

between a smaller number of

product providers. A spokes-

man said: "You've got to be big

in the UK, the market in

reps and pensions is dominal

ed by perhaps no more than

six players on either side -

mimicking the trend in Ameri-

ca over the past ten years. Pressure for further consolida-

tion must intensify. Perpetual

saw funds under management

rise 33 per cent to £8 billion in

the year to September 30,

although net new business

was £300 million down on last

year, pointing to the underly-ing competitive pressures fac-

ing the industry.

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to play big.

steady growth of home and export demand with the necessary supply side measures to encourage investment in new capacity and increase the skilled labour force. Whatever the formal division of responsibilities, monetary and fispolicy need to be viewed together to achieve this aim. A strategy to reduce unemployment without inflation must also consider the need for pay restraint in the private sector, alongside public sector pay policy and the minimum wage.

Formulating a more coherent economic strategy is not just a question of the policies themselves, but also people's reactions to them. Will firms step up their investment and training? Will

systematic discussion and consultation with employers' organisations and trade unions in formulating policy — not just selling them policies once these have been determined. It is difficult to see why such consultation should apparently be regarded as outmoded. Piecemeal consultation with particular interest groups and selected individuals is much more likely to lead to favouritism or corruption than open and regular consultation with representative bodies. The Budget Green Paper may not be an appropriate vehicle for discussing the full range of economic policy, but an announcement that the Government is setting up the machinery to discuss and formulate a general strategy with employers and unions would be a valuable step forward. ☐ John Grieve Smith is author of

Full Employment: A Pledge Be-trayed (Macmillan 1997).

Predators eye UK's remaining independent fund managers

European asset management is set to boom.

say Richard

Miles and Jon Ashworth

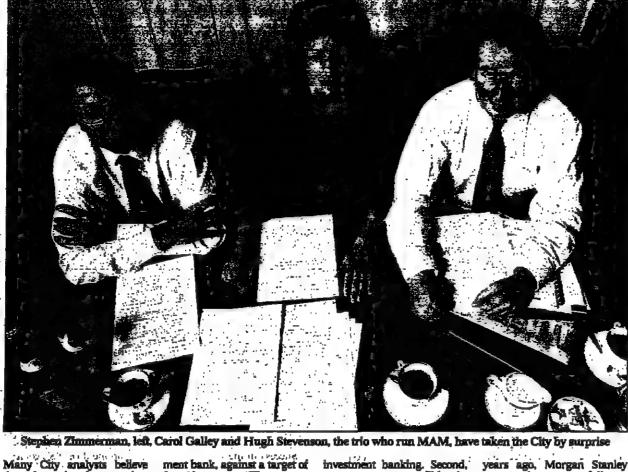
hen Mercury Asset Manage ment armounced its interim results on November 6, Hugh Stevenson, the chairman, gave no hint of the momentous deal that was in the offing. Yet we now know that he had already begun detailed negotiations with Merrill Lynch, one of Wall Street's biggest banks.

Indeed, yesterday's disclo-sure of Merrill Lynch's friend-ly £3.1 billion offer for MAM took everyone by surprise. In spite of more two years of speculation over the future of the UK's leading fund manager, dealers did not even get a whiff of the acquisition. City analysts were said to be so stumned that they posed not a single question to the management of the two companies when formally told of the deal.

vesterday morning. From MAM's point of view. IRIS 20 ars to de an cuistanding deal. Coming at a time when the one-time darling of the City was starting to look a bit ternished — the performance of its main pooled pension fund has been heavily criticised in recent months an acquisiton price that equates to a 32 per cent premium on Tuesday's closing share price must seem like

manna from heaven. And amid accelerating consolidation in financial services, the deal comes with no redundancies and a piedge from Merrill Lynch that MAM will be allowed to keep its independence when making investment decisions, and its own name in the UK. This attitude is in marked contrast to Merrill's 1995 takeover of Smith New Court, the UK stockbroker, when it dropped the old English name, much to the consternation of some City

Quite whether the deal is such good value for Merrill Lynch remains a moot point.



lariv when the world's stock markets are going through a patch of distinct volatility. Only two or three weeks ago, David Komansky, chairman and chief executive of Merrill Lynch, gave warning that the markets had much further to fall, perhaps up to 15

On a funds basis, the picture is more positive. Merrill Lynch is paying a price equivalent to 3 per cent of the funds under management, compar-ing unfavourably to the 1.9 per cent that NatWest paid for Gartmore, though it looks good against the 4.2 per cent that Commerchank paid for Juniter Tyndall. Dealers speculated last night that NatWest -may now hive off Gartmore to unlock some of the hidden value in the fund manager.

"Merrill Lynch faces a tall order," said Robin Down, a financial analyst at ABN Amro Hoare Govett. According to Mr Down, the terms of the deal mean a 4 per cent return

9 or 10 per cent. That means asset management will be the MAM has to double funds growth sector in Europe over under management, or double its profitability," he said.

Merrill Lynch argues, however, that the whole deal will add up to more than the sum of the parts. The combined strengths of the two -Merrill's capital and distribution network, MAM's invest-

retirement ment management track

Inevitably, the City's eyes will now focus on the UK fund managers that have ching on to their independence: Schro-

the next decade as govern-

ments withdraw welfare bene-

fits and individuals are forced

to provide for their own

6 MAM has to double funds under management or double profitability ?

should boost annual growth. In one bound, Merrill Lynch has leapt to become the thirdbiggest asset manager in the world with combined assets of \$450 billion (£266 billion),

behind Fidelity and Axa. Asset management is particularly attractive to Merrill Lynch for two principal rea-sons. First, the stability of recurring fee income offsets the volality in revenues from on equity for the US invest-

handful of smaller players. Arthur Zeikel, president and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch Asset Management, made it plain yesterday that the company had held informal talks with just about every-

one in the field, both in the UK

and on the Continent. "After

whose untimely death occurred

this summer, is at St Ethel-11.15am on December 5. Two of

the three readers at the service

are, appropriately, drawn from

Par's life at the centre of the

Yorkshire business commun-

ity. Alan Bottomley is a retired

partner of solicitors Hammond

Suddards and on the boards of

a number of companies Pat

took public. David Rhodes is

chairman of Filtronic Comtek,

one of Pat's companies. The

third is his old colleague at

Panmures, Lord McGowan.

Anyone who wants to attend.

contact Lorraine Woodley at

Charterhouse.

the most exhaustive analysis. we decided Mercury was the best strategic fit," he said. But there are plenty more predators out there. Several

years ago, Morgan Stanley attempted, unsuccessfully, to re SG Warburg UK bank still owned MAM. Even with its recently announced \$2i billion merger with Dean Witter, Morgan Stanley is said to be still interested in expanding its European asset management business. Closer to home, Halifax and Barclays have both made no secret of their desire to acquire a fund Rival UK fund management

groups were treading a cautious line yesterday. M&G, Britain's oldest unit trust manager, with more than 750,000 customers and £18 billion under management, was say-ing little ahead of the publication of its full-year results next Thursday. The group said it would not be appropriate to comment on market developments ahead of the results. although it would be talking about its place in the industry when the numbers come out.

Once the giant of the unit has been hit by a run of poor

Travel agents in dogfight with cut-price BA

nyone passing through Earls Court in London wondered whether they were hallucinating. Exotic cos-tumes, funny hats and fashionable clouds of smog - all part of the fun at that annual travel industry shindig, World Travel Market (WTM).

More than 10,000 senior travel industry representatives attended the first two days of WTM, a 76 per cent increase on last year. Some 5,000 exhibitors from 158 countries were eager to tout their wares, amid predictions that the travel industry is on course to create 100 million jobs across the globe in the next ten years.

The buoyant mood was captured yesterday at the Singapore stand, where Yeo Khee Leng, chief executive-elect of the newly renamed Singapore Tourism Board, unveiled the latest visitor arrival numbers from the UK - up 12 per cent in the first nine months of the year. The Singapore dollar is cheaper than it was. Even the

smog has cleared.
Neighbouring stands, including Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, were happily dispensing bonhomie and brochures — trying to forget the damage inflicted by a disastrous combination of bush fires and tumbling currencles. Cheap baht and ringgits mean good deals for British travellers, but have done not marketing budgets.

But the lasting topic of conversation was not the tragic events in Luxor, nor Stena and P&O, but this week's allout assault by British Airways on UK travel agents. On what the industry is calling BA's "Black Monday", it emerged that BA was setting up a low-cost carrier out of Stansted, selling direct to the public and cutting travel agents out of the loop. All but missed in the

confusion was a press release headlined: "New Reward Scheme For Travel Agents". Buried inside was the news that BA is to cut commission on international tickets sold by travel agents in the UK to 7 per cent — down from 9 per cent on international flights and 7.5 per cent on domestic flights.

Action in America is even more drastic. Travel agents selling Concorde and First Class see their commission halved from 10 per cent to 5 per cent. On Club, the rate falls from 10 per cent to 7 per cent. Agents who sell tickets in sufficient quantities could end up better off under the new BA reward scheme, but the news has gone down like the proverbial lead balloon.

Competitors continued to react with fury yesterday to BA's entry into the low-cost market, with EasyJet taking damning full-page advertisements in the national press. The carrier said BA's Operation Blue Sky had the appearance of "a textbook case of abuse of dominant position". and called on the European

Commission to take action. Reaction among travel agents to the cut in commission was even more hostile. The Association of British Travel Agencies (ABTA) said BA risked alienating its distribution network. Clive Green. an independent agent in southwest London, said move was "another nail in the

coffin" for travel agents. BA says commission rates have remained the same for 20 years, but agents are unim-pressed. There is a risk that many will drop BA in favour of more lucrative competitiors, inflicting further long-term financial damage. BA's shares slid 8p to 555p yesterday, well off their peak of 760p in May.

JON ASHWORTH

Lyons roar

WHEN Howard Hodgson, : one-time undertaker superstar, was turfed out of Ronson. the lighter people, this summer, much was made of Albion, a 17 per cent shareholder that seems to be pulling many of the strings there. Ronson is now in hid talks with unnamed parties, even if the share price is sinking fast. Company sources say they see no sign of the familiar Hodgson dorsal fin in the water.

But who is behind Albion, which has a director on the Ronson board? None other, it seems, than Jack Lyons, the



to bid for my company"

disgraced financier, and his son Jonathon. Lyons père, Sir Jack until the Guinness affair, is about to receive his second 15 minutes of fame when the Guinness report finally appears next week. In July Albion refused a

26p-a-share offer for its stake from Hodgson. The shares are now 12p. Funny coincidence the first: the chairman of Ronson, Shaun Dowling, used to work for Guinness and crossed swords with Lyons then. If no offer for the company at this price emerges, and I would advise shareholders not to hold their breath, Albion always has the option of mounting a bid itself at an even lower price, which would not please those institutions who have loyally stuck

with the group.
Funny coincidence the second: you would have thought, given who else fell from grace during the Guinness affair, that Lyons would have learned to avoid anything to do with the name Ronson.

HORROR of horrors for Newcastle United. The future of the club is in the hands of its worst enemy. Now that "The Toon", as I understand they call it, is having to change the plans for its new



the old one instead of building a new one on a park in the middle of Newcastle, it needs to persuade the city council which approved the old scheme to allow the new one. But because of laws on con-

flicts of interest, no councillor who owns Newcastle shares or a season ticket can vote. So the key council meeting will be chaired by the deputy leader. Don Price, who is a Sunderland fan. As, strangely enough, is Sir Terence Harrison. Newcastle's chairman.

In memory THE memorial service for Pat

O'Reilly, a mainstay of

football stadium, expanding

☐ THEN there was one ... The National Grid's three-strong fleet of helicopters used to inspect the nation's power lines has suffered a couple of unfortunate incidents. In September, one clipped one of the Grid's own lines in North Wales. Bang. Last week, her sister craft had her cockpit bashed in when a refuelling bowser broke free. Crash. A close eye is now being kept on the third in the brood, still flying last time I checked.

Checking out

SCARCELY has the paint dried on the £40 million facelift at Claridge's than I hear that François Touzin, the general Charterhouse Tilney and before that Pannure Gordon, manager, is on his way. Ra-

món Pajares, Savoy Group managing director, has finally cleared the decks of all the hotel general managers he inherited when he was appointed at the end of 1994. Touzin is leaving to do a computer course at Harvard University. He says the parting was amicable and he plans to re-emerge in due course in the hotel business. " have completed the restoration of the hotel, which took three years of hard work."

I hear a funny story about Touzin. Shortly after joining Claridge's, he missed a visit to the hotel by the King of Spain. A faux pas at the best of times. especially if your boss was born in Barcelona.

MARTIN WALLER



Ramón Pajares has lost another Savoy Group general manager



Power

firms

face bill

for £115m

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

ELECTRICITY companies have been landed a £115 million bill after discovering they are in breach of pensions legisla-tion introduced in the

spring. Coopers & Lybrand, auditors to the £15.5

billion Electricity Supply

Pension Scheme (ESPS).

have had to qualify the annual report while urgent meetings are held between the employers

The revelation is the

latest step in the ongoing dispute over the power companies' use of £1.2

billion pension surpluses

to fund redundancy pro-

grammes and payment

Earlier this summer National Grid and Nat-

ional Power won an ap-

peal to the High Court overturning rulings by the

Pensions Ombudsman that they had broken

scheme rules. Despite this

victory they were told they

should have sought trust-

ees' approval for delaying so-called "deficiency" pay-

ments which compensate schemes for contributions

lost from workers who have been forced to take

After seeking legal ad-vice employers and trust-

ees have also been told

that the outstanding con-

tributions are deemed to

be employer-related loans

and break the 1995 Pen-

sions Act. This was drawn

up in response to the

Robert Maxwell scandal

and is designed to prevent

employers appropriating

pensioners' assets for their

Under the Act's "whistle-

blowing" rules the ESPS has reported the infringe-

ment to the Occupational

Pensions Regulatory Au-

thority, although it insist-

unintentional

the breach was ntentional and

Meanwhile, David

Laws, a former engineer

who took National Grid to

the Ombudsman, is to

Court verdict. He hopes

the latest development will

force the company to fund

his legal action.

early retirement.

In search of

twinkle toes

AMID the somewhat bland

proposals for yet again over-hauling the way the English

ICA runs itself, there is one

proposal which could provide

great amusement. It has been

decided that the current sys-

tem of the President chairing

the council meetings is less

than properly accountable. So

instead. "an impartial chair-

man" is to be appointed.

revenue authorities have tried to assess on UK residents. The amounts involved in corresponding adjustments on

tent the Inland Revenue's participation in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development (OECD) may therefore be mis-con-ceived; and its leadership role in the discussions and drafting sions in Paris not in the The inland Revenue should

remarkable powers of detec-

He was talking about the huge amount of VAT fraud

across the EU. Dale was called

in to investigate one case in-

volving a company exporting

disk drives. Its largest UK cus-tomer was based in Liverpool

and Dale spent some time, as

good auditors always do. pe-

rusing the files. He looked at

the company's VAT number, which looked legitimate but

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

tive work

be reminded that to exploit the UK's position as having one of the lowest rates of corporate taxation in Europe and the world means that inter-company pricing legislation does not have to be too rigorous. Otherwise there is a danger that the legislation will drive

seemed vaguely familiar. Fur-

ther research revealed that it

was the VAT number of Brit-

ish Telecom. The disk drives were being "delivered" to the UK but were being sold on the

French black market. No won-

der France is estimated, said

Dale, to lose 5 per cent of its

THE final furlong of this

possible VAT revenue.

Racing certainty

nounce reforms at the English ICA was purgatory for Dame Sheila Masters, its vigorous

ice-president. One of her racehorses. Gemma's Wager, was run-rung in the 2.30 at Newton Abbot. "And it's got a good chance of winning", she said as she swept from the room in search of a phone after the questioning was over. Sadly for Dame Sheila it was unplaced and some nag called Luke Warm won, which might also sum up the membership's

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EU approval for Railfreight aid

THE European Commission cleared £247.2 million in subsidies paid to Railfreight Distribution, a subsidiary of British Rail that was sold to English. Welsh and Scottish Railway. Railfreight operates international freight services via the Channel Tunnel in co-operation with SNCF, the French state-owned railway group. The Commission said that the British aid was limited and strictly intended to restore Railfreight Distribution's long-term viability and

would not unduly distort fair competition.

European Union approval was also eased by the British Government's pledge to negotiate with France access conditions to the numei for rival operators. Several companies have expressed an interest in operating competing services via the tunnel, and the freight industry lobbying organisation, the Rail Freight Group, has argued with the British authorities that they should get similar incentives.

Century Inns climbs 19%

CENTURY INNS, owner of the Tap & Spile pub chain, posted a 19 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £8.5 million in the year to September 30. Turnover rose 42 per cent to £34.2 million. The company's managed estate more than tripled turnover and moved operating profits up from £250,000 to £1.43 million. Earnings per share came in at 15.1p (13.3p) and a final dividend of 5.1p, payable on February 19, makes 7.4p (6.64p).

European Colour up

EUROPEAN COLOUR, the manufacturer of chemical colours and specialist coatings, yesterday said that the strength of sterling held back progress in the first half. The company reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £1.79 million (£1.48 million) in the six months to September 30 on sales that improved to £14.06 million (£10.25 million). Earnings per share rose to 2.46p (2.41p). The interim dividend is lifted to 0.865p (0.825p).

Jarvis Porter ahead

JARVIS PORTER GROUP, the international label and packaging manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits to E7 million from £6.1 million in the half year to August 31. Comparable figures for the previous year included a £1 million reorganisation charge. Latest results include a maiden contribution from Industrial Print Group, acquired in June. Adjusted earnings per share rose to 10p from 8.6p. The interim dividend is increased to 2.5p a share from 2.35p.

Heiton raises \$25m

HEITON HOLDINGS has raised \$25 million (£15.1 million) in America in its first private placement of senior notes. The deal is designed to refinance the group's existing debt portfolio and provide funding for future acquisitions, it said. The portfolio's overall maturity is ten years, with the average maturity of individual instruments placed in the deal at eight years. The interest rate has been fixed at 7.14 per cent. The dollar funds have been swapped into punts to eliminate currency exposure.

Bemac jobs boost

AN engineering company in Northern Ireland is to create up to 200 jobs after signing a deal with an American electronics firm. Bemac Engineering, of Lisburn, Co Antrim, will be the Systems, of Colorado. Bemac provides and distributes integrated electronic assemblies in high-quality metal fabrications. Michael Best, Bemac's managing director, said



Alan Petersen, chief operating officer at Meyer, welcoming the improved margins at Jewsons timber revealed in yesterday's interim results

Windfall charge fails to shake upbeat Hyder

HYDER, the Welsh multiutility company, shrugged off a £232 million windfall tax charge yesterday as it recorded a 4.6 per cent rise in interim profits and announced that 270,000 customers have already said they will take its

new domestic gas service. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 rose from £100.7 million in 1996 to £105.4 million. Turnover increased from £547.7 million to £555.2 million. Including the

TEXAS Instruments Inc has

agreed to buy Amati Com-

munications Corp for \$395 million (£233 million) in cash,

scuttling an earlier stock

high-speed modems had an-

Amati, based in San Jose,

California, said on October I

that it had agreed to be

nounced last month.

higher than expected windfall tax charge, which is being funded by extra borrowings, Hyder made a post-tax loss of £190 million. Gearing now stands at 139 per cent and is expected to increase to more than 200 per cent next year before stabilising.

Hyder's interest cover of 3.5 comforted investors, however, and the shares were trading at 9192 p in late afternoon yesterday, up 2p. Sentiment was also buoyed by advance de-

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

acquired by Westell Technol-

ogies lnc, based in Aurora,

Illinois, a maker of systems

for phone line connections, for

about \$394 million in stock.

ingness to pay cash, and a drop in Westell's stock price,

apparently made the TI offer

more attractive to Amati's

mand for its domestic gas service. Hyder said that customers were informally agreeing to take the service at a rate of 2,500 a day, with supply beginning next April.

The lion's share of the pretax profits came from water supply and sewerage, which contributed £87.1 million, up from £34.1 million. The company expects to meet new targets on reducing leakage for the current year.

Graham Hawker, chief ex-

Westell will receive a \$14.8

With the purchase, Texas

Instruments will acquire a

speed data to be sent over

existing copper phone lines,

making Internet access, high-

quality video and other ser-

vices more widely available.

million "break-up" fee, Texas

the day-to-day administration of water, electricity and gas supply.

A provision against a re-**Texas Instruments expands** structuring charge of £35 mil-lion to £40 million will be

taken by the company at the end of the year. Capital investment increased from £186 million in the first half of 1996 to £190 million.

ecutive, said that Hyder is

emerging as the only true "multi-utility", providing cus-

tomers in one area with elec-

tricity, gas and water with the associated benefits of scale and

less geographical overlap.

Analysts expect Hyder to spend between £30 million and £50 million a year beefing which is being expanded as a source of non-regulated income. Profits rose in this division from £3.3 million to

geographical focus. Other com-bined utility companies have the latest first half. The strong property-related recovery in London and South East England is not yet ing announced at the start of October will save an extra £15 million a year by March 31. 2001. It involves combining

mirrored in the rest of Britain, said Tony Palmer, chairman of Meyer. Margins at Jewson increased to an average of 6.1 per cent after focusing on activities such as tool hire. They nudged 7 per cent at times and Alan Peterson, chief operating officer, said he would be disappointed if this could not be sustained.

Meyer lifts

half-time

performance

MEYER International report-

ed a 29 per cent rise in interim

profits yesterday and said

margins at its Jewson builders' merchants chain are close

to their 7 per cent target.
In the six months to the end:

of September, pre-tax profits were £26.2 million, up from

£20.3 million. Turnover fell 3

per cent to £582.3 million for

The timber products division will continue to be affected by weak softwood prices. Meyer also announced that it is seiling Bouwvaria, a Dutch DIY chain, for about Ronwmarkten of The Netherlands, Its £318 million purchase of Harcros, a Jewsons rival, should be completed on December 1.

the deal was "a major vote of confidence in the company".

Time to tackle transfer pricing

John Newman writes an open

letter to Dawn Primarolo,

land Revenue booklet on the modernisation of the transfer pricing legislation advises that transfer pricing is "one of the key international tax issues of our time". It is, indeed, but this area is too important for the mandarins at the Revenue. I wonder whether you could consider the four overriding and non-technical points in this open letter in keeping with your status in a new government charged with the task of modernising the approach to

governance in the UK. The methodology of the consultation document follows very closely that of consultative papers put forward over the past few years on international issues such as controlled foreign corporations, the treatment of offshore income under

section 739, and so on. In your introduction (and in paragraph 2.11) the statement is made that the UK's 50-yearold legislation "has generally served its purpose well". However, the paper gives no consideration as to whether there is, or has been, loss of revenue because of the scope and nature of the UK's inter-company pricing legislation, nor wheth er the inter-company pricing ☐ The number of cases dealt with by overseas authorities. The number of cases dealt with under advance pricing

Those of us in the practising profession do not have the sort of statistical evidence on which consultation leading to legislation should be based. All we know are the results of the inquiries we are involved in. The Government, through the Revenue, is the only organisation with the total picture. The fiscal climate of the European Union is one of

fiscal competition. To an ex-

idea is to have a post along the

lines of the Speaker of the

House of Commons. "A sort of

Betty Boothroyd," he suggest-

ed. It is understood that a

search is on for any council

member whose career started

as a dancer with shapely legs.

STEPHEN DALE, the Price

Waterhouse partner who gave

Vanishing VAT

According to the current this year's Hardman memori-

president. Chris Laine, the al tax lecture, revealed some



John Newman says legislation need not be too rigorous

is this worthwhile and is the OECD the forum for consideration of this matter? Should we necessarily follow the US

The author is a corporate and international tax partner with Smith & Williamson.

Tinkering with tax base a lost cause

NEXT WEEK we shall see the Chancellor of the Exchequer doubtless being portrayed as

tax system. He looked in particular at VAT across Europe and concluded that the

take two examples; first, the cost to the UK for licence fees arguments over fiscal sovereignty were, if not for software products, and secondly the cost of CDs and nonsense, then certainly impractical. Governments should give up worrying videos. The question has to be asked as to the criteria for the about sovereignty because it true evaluation of an armswas not going to make any difference. They no longer length price for such products: control the tax systems regardless of sovereignty. There is an inevitability about it it is a simple in its approach? I am afraid that in its desire to co-operate with other fiscal bodies the response to tax competition. indirect taxes must be harmonised if you want a reasonably free market. Anyone can see this. All they have to do is visit Dover and

Inland Revenue is missing the reality of the UK economy as it moves towards the new Calais. The trade in cheaper boose being brought across to this country is now at an amazing level. And the reason for it is simply tax competition. In a free market

this will always be so. There is nothing a Chancellor can do, in a free society, if the citizens of Kent choose to pay lower French taxes on their drink rather than the much higher British rates. Dale's thesis was that this trend will intensify. particularly with a common currency. "Once prices are quoted in the same currency the price differentials of all products will become more transparent," he said. He gave an example - cars are much cheaper in-Denmark than in France. But at the moment, for the French to buy cars there means fiddling about in Danish crowns and exchange rate differences. Once everything is priced in Euros this will change. And the French exchequer would be the loser: Once back in France the car buyer will only pay VAT on the lower price paid in Denmark and not the high price prevailing in France. The same would happen in the UK. A VW Polo. Dale pointed out, costs about 50 per cent less in Portugal than the UK. If cars in the UK market currently cost twice as much in London than in Glasgow, no one would buy cars in London. It will be the same argument,

Changes are already occurring. One tax adviser talked about how he is dealing with a flood of French businessmen wanting to be resident in the UK where the direct tax regime is more benign. Tax-shopping because of direct tax rates has always happened. But with greater wealth and global businesses

people are more mobile The same is happening with indirect taxation. Dale's conclusion was that indirect tax rates have to be harmonised. "Should we not all be pushing for the common system, to reduce costs on business, to simplify the VAT system," he concluded. "If this means

formally conceding that member states have lost their fiscal sovereignty, which as I have tried to show is already the case, is this not a price that we must be prepared to pay to remain competitive?". This is a world far removed from the tradition of a Chancellor sticking tuppence on a pint and knowing what revenue it will bring in. And events this week in Finland, of all unlikely places, will make the task harder. In Turku the OECD is holding a conference on "dismantling the barriers to global electronic commerce. The aim is to forward proposals that go on to a conference at minist-erial level in Ottawa next

ROBERT BRUCE

October, with the aim of "achieving consensus among business, gov-ernment and citizens". It is all likely to be harder than that. Take this comment from the background papers: "Whatever the solution adopted, the taxation of e-commerce should be relatively simple, should facilitate voluntary compliance and should not unnecessarily hinder the development of e-commerce." Hardened tax professionals growl comments at this point about pigs flying. But the tax could be simple. The world is opening up and as a result governments are losing their tax powers. "Governments," as one adviser put it, "will just have to tax wherever and whenever they can. That is what the airport tax is all the tax and about." And the taxpayers will have to be adept at using their resulting freedoms.

your attention to is perhaps the most important. The in-Financial Secretary to the Treasury land Revenue paper is written having a radical tinker with some taxes in the in the context of readily under-standable transfer of goods; accordingly price adjustments occur in the context of an Green Budget". What he is unlikely to address is the much larger question — the harmed the economic developvanishing tax base.
It is all very well shifting the emphasis on YOUR introduction to the Inment of the UK. economy engaged in manufac-turing or extraction industries. Similarly, the consultative taxes like capital gains tax and inheritance document gives neither figtax, which can only raise a small amount of only Europe-wide. ures nor consideration to: However, the dynamic intrevenue and really only exist for political ☐ The number of cases taken ernational environment is dereasons. But a vast amount of revenue is vanishing, or shifting tax regimes, for much more hard-headed reasons. And that is what the tax authorities really have to face up to. veloping fastest within service each year on inter-company pricing grounds.

The amount of alleged unindustries, whereas the trade in goods, because of industry derpricing assessed each year. consolidation and lower trans-A good place to start would have been last portation costs, seems to imply The amounts actually colweek's Hardman memorial lecture run by the lected after the assessments. declining pricing. In a transfer tax faculty of the English ICA. There, Stephen pricing context I believe the focus should be on services The average time schedule Dale, a Price Waterhouse partner based in for settlements. Paris and specialising in taxation, took apart The amounts that overseas many of the easy assumptions that underlie a and the UK should reconsider. To illustrate the problems

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FKI aims to cut gearing to enable acquisitions canted to secure value in old demote. Bare and

By MARTIN BARROW

FKI, the industrial products group, expects strong cash generation and the proceeds from disposals to reduce gearing below 60 per cent in the short term, leaving the com-pany weil placed to make ective acquisitions to enhance continuing operations.

The company announced that it had agreed the sale of the bulk of its automotive business to America's Trident Automotive for £92.5 million last week. FKI has switched its

The South lifts Black Arrow

Black Arrow, the office furniture and leasing group, raised pre-tax profits from £1.25 million to £2 million in the half year to September 30. Earnings per share rose to 5.56p. rom 3.41p, and the interim dividend rises to 1.50 (1.2p). Sales rose to £11.7 million (£9.8 million).

Arnold Edward, chair man, said: "Our first half was heavily influenced by a very strong performance in the South, I expect trading to be rather more subdued for the remainder of the year, but I am confident of reporting much im-proved full-year figures." The shares fell lp to

Auto firm up

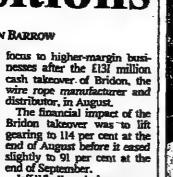
European Motor Holdings, the automotive distribution and services company, said that demand for new cars is expected to stay strong for the foreseeable future. In the half year to September 30, the company's motor retail division lifted operating profits by 42 per cent, to £7.1 million. Profits from the services division fell to £300,000, from £900,000. Group pretax profits rose by 24 per cent, to £6.2 million. Earnings per share rose 23 per cent, to 7.9p. The interim dividend rises 13 per cent;

Ferraris rises

Ferraris, the medical products and precision compo-nents group, raised pre-tax profits by 21 per cent, to £1.73 million, in the year to August 31 on sales up by 5 per cent, to £20.7 million. Earnings per share rose by 18 per cent, to 11.4p, The year's dividend rises by 14 per cent, to 3.2p, after a 2p final. Shares in Ferraris rose 3p to 119½ p.

Worldcover

ANUAL TRAVEL INSURANCE



Jeff Whalley, chairman, yesterday said the selective acquisition and divestment pro-gramme had made significant progress in focusing FKI's activities in three core areas of material handling, hardware and engineering. In the first half operating cashflow in-creased to 1933 million, from £61 million

The company was announce ing a rise in pre-tax profits to £64 million, from £51.4 million, for the half year to September 30, on turnover that rose to E626 million, from £459

. Material handling, which now encompasses the Bridon businesses, committed oper-ating profits of £19.3 million (£17.1 million) on turnover of £174.5 million (£130.8 million). The enlarged business will be a world leader in the manufacture of lifting equipment, with annual sales of £450 million. Mr Whalley said significant progress had already been de in the reorganisation of

Hardware contributed profits of £30.2 million (£25.3 million last time) despite a near 4 per cent downturn in housing starts in North America, its principal market. The return on sales improved to

19.7 per cent. The engineering division earned operating profits of E20.1 million (£6.5 million) on turnover of £207.2 million (£80.5 million). The division grew significantly in 1996 with the £182.5 million purchase of Hawker Siddeley Electric Power from BTR and the E34.8 million of Marelli Motori.

creased to 8.44p a share from 6.11p. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.2p a share from 3.1p. The share price remained unchanged at 1880.

THE International Monetary

Fund (IMF) has succeeded in

killing off a proposal by Asia Pacific countries to set up an

Asian rescue fund outside the

auspices of the IMF (Abby Tan

At the end of a two-day meet-

ing, senior finance and central

bank officials from 14 countries

writes from Manila).



Geoffrey Tucker celebrates the acquisition at Chili's in Canary Wharf, one of the two existing locations in the UK

Celebrated to develop US brand

CELEBRATED GROUP, the AIM-listed restaurant group, has acquired the exclusive rights to develop Chili's Grill & Bar, a successful US con-cept, throughout the UK (Dominic Walsh writes).

The company is to acquire Restaurant House (RH), the current franchise holder and owner of the two existing Chili's outless in Cambridge and Canary Wharf in London. To finance the deal,

Celebrated is to issue Red Hot Concepts, RH's Nasdaqoption over a further six million. This will give Red Hot Concepts more than 30 per cent of voting rights in Celebrated, subject to shareholder approval. The shares

closed up '2p at 11'2p.
The Chili's brand, which has southwestern American ternational, the US group that recently granted the rights to its Macaroni Grill brand to Queensborough Holdings. Under the terms of the licence from Brinker, Celebrated has undertaken to have Il Chili's restaurants up and running by November 2000. There are currently around 500 Chili's staurants worldwide.

Geoffrey Tucker, chief executive of Celebrated, said the deal was a "major step in ra-

tions". Earlier this month it pulled out of the roadside market by selling its AJ's Fa mily Restaurants to Granada Group for £3 million.

Separately, the group re-ported a first-half operating profit of £148,000 (£287,000) from turnover up from £3.69 million to £3.96 million. Earnings per share showed a loss of 0.44p (1.33p profit), and there is no dividend.

BG signs deal to develop Russian fields

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

multibillion-dollar oil exploration and development plans has been completed with the signing of key agreements for fields in Kazakhstan and the

The production-sharing agreements mean that BG has cleared key hurdles in its drive towards developing large oil and gasfields with interna-

tional partners.

The deals, made with the Kazakh Government, open the way for the development of the giant Karachaganak field in Kazakhstan and for offshore exploration in the Kazakh sector of the Caspian Sea.

The Karachaganek field is expected to yield more than 2.4 billion burrels of oil and BG has said that the field will deliver 25 per cent of its global production by 2002. By the millennium the field is expected to represent 10 per cent of BG's asset value outside of Transco, its UK pipeline network.

BG will work with Agip of Italy and Texaco of the US in the Karachaganek field. Lukoil of Russia is also a smaller partner in the project. In the Caspian Sea BG is working jointly with Mobil, BP/Statoil, Shell, Total and

Agip.
BG will invest a total of \$2 billion (£1.25 billion) in Karachaganek over its expected lifetime of 40 years. The company will pump in \$640 million (£400 million) in the

A CRITICAL phase in BG's first phase of the development. David Varney, chief executive. said: These agreements represent an important step forward for BG. The Karachaganek agreement gives BG a leading role in one of the world's largest oil and gasfields — substantially big-ger than any North Sea discovery."

Newspaper group lifts profits 38%

BUOYANT economic conditions and strong growth in recruitment advertising lifted Southnews, the pub lisher of local newspapers in London and the Home Counties (Frank le Duc writes).

Gareth Clark, chairman, said other categories of advertising had shown improvements, too, including motors, property and local retailing. Pre-tax profit rose 38 per cent, to £3.7 million, in the six months to September 27. from £2.68 million in the same period a year ago. Turnover grew 14 per cent to £21 million (£18,4 million).

The dividend rises to 3p (2.25p), due on January 9. Earnings rose to 15.53p a

10.68

Macdonald Hotels expands cautiously

BY DOMINIC WALSE

MACDONALD HOTELS, the Scottish hotel and resort operator, has paid £1 million for Craxton Wood Hotel near Chester and is to invest another £4 million developing the property. The hotel currently has 15 bedrooms but has planning permission for a further 50 rooms plus leisure and confer-

IMF quashes hopes for

independent Asian fund

reaffirmed the authority of the

IMF to police troubled econo-

mies and agreed to its propos-

als for a regional surveillance

A communiqué issued by

the deputy ministers and

officials from the IMF, Ameri-

ca, Japan and 12 other Asian

countries agreed to a facility

"co-operative financing

Under IMF supervision the

member countries could con-

tribute and ailing economies

could draw upon this facility

"on a case to case basis" to

augment a country's reserves

when IMF funds are not

The communiqué also

agreed to urge the IMF to

mechanism.

enough.

Donald Macdonald, chief mecutive, said that he has no Staed IV (IX industry consolidation many observers believe is inevitable, preferring to focus instead on organic growth. He said that

lines of the Craxton purchase would continue, provided that returns on capital of at least 20 per cent were possible. Macdonald is currently averaging

In the half year to September 28 the group lifted pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £5.6 million from turnover 30 per cent up at £24.9 million.

Macdonald improved the average room rate from £42.64 one percentage point to 67 per cent. Earnings per share rose 23 per cent to 7.12p and an interim dividend of 1.65p (1.5p) cautious acquisitions along the will be paid on January 5.

crushing blow to the pride of

several Asian countries, espe-

cially Japan and Malaysia which had been vocal about

an Asian fund independent of

cial Secretary of the Philip

pines, told reporters there had

been fears among officials that such an independent fund

"could be used as an excuse

not to make hard decisions".

He added it could also provide

a tempting target "for specula-

tors to draw down significant

amounts from the pool itself".

The plan for an Asian fund

was strongly opposed by Mi-

ging Director. He wanted a re-

Roberto de Ocampo, Finan-

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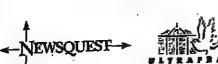
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What have a regional newspaper group and a conservatory roofing company got in common? Or a provider of psychometric products, an investment trust and a garden centre retailer? Or an engineering firm, a transaction-based trade finance company and a football club? Or what about a safety equipment company and an inkjet printing technology company? Last month they all joined the 2,680 companies already listed on the London Stock Exchange. And in so doing, they raised over £300 million to help finance their future.

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AS WITH most of Judith Weir's music, the concept behind her latest score is intriguing. "I have often wished." she says of the role played by the natural and magical elements in The Tempest, "that I could see a production of this play with no actors in it. Storm is perhaps the soundtrack of that production, performed in a concert hall."

Given such an imaginative composer and the colour resources of the City of Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus, combined with those of nine instrumentalists from the CBSO, there was every reason to expect something atmospheric and illuminating. That's why, on its first performance, conducted by the chorus director Simon Halsey in Symphony Hall.

Storm was so disappointing In a youth concert, with the plainly repetitive instrumental parts played by the young musicians they seem to have been written for. Weir's score would have been heard in a more favourable context.

One could have noted with educational approval the prominent presence of a thundersheet in the storm and the use of 20 or so other bits and pieces of percussion, together with three flutes and three cellos, to represent the island's "thousand twangling instruments"

One could also have enjoyed the unsophisticated sound of

BRIEFLY NOTED

SKATING: Far from hanging up their skates in favour of a

comfortable retirement, the world's most famous ice dancers

played to more than one million people. Their new show. Ice Adventures, will be made up of five specially commissioned

stories and will be choreographed by the illustrious duo with help from Robin Driscoll, the writer of Mr Bean. Ice

December 16, and reaches Wembley Arena on December 30.

THEATRE: Those of a nervous disposition are advised to steer clear of the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds next

February when it stages the world premiere of the first play by Irvine Welsh — Mr Trainspotting himself. Billed as a "revenger's tragedy for the chemical age". You'll Have Had Your Hole (a Scottish phrase for which the politest translation

is "You'll have had your oats") is set in a disused recording studio. Behind its soundproofed walls two Scots inflict bizarre

DANCE: Andrea Quinn, who cut her conducting teeth

with some of Britain's top youth orchestras, has been named

music director of the Royal Ballet. Quinn, who takes up the

when she won the Conduct for Dance competition in 1993.

Since then she has worked with the Royal Ballet on several

occasions, notably as music director of its Dance Bites tour

artistic director Anthony Dowell says: "Our patience in not

this demanding position has been rewarded."

malice towards MCA".

appointing a music director until we had the right person for

■ POP: The war is hotting up between the makers of the Barbie doll and the record label responsible for the hit single

Barbie Girl, sung by the Danish pop duo Aqua. That, you will remember, is the song that knocked the Spice Girls off

features lines such as "Kiss me here, touch me there, hanky

sued MCA Records, claiming the lyrics "associate sexual and

MCA has counter-sued for defamation, claiming Mattel made

their No I perch. A favourite of little girls everywhere, it

panky". In September the toy manufacturer Mattei Inc

other unsavoury themes with its Barble products". Now

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The appointment has been a long time coming, but Royal Ballet

Adventures, which also features a lineup of international

skaring stars, opens at the NEC in Birmingham on

and gruesome punishment on a third.

are heading back to the rink for what promises to be an annual ice event. Torvill and Dean will perform for the first time in Britain since 1994-95 when their Face the Music tour

CONCERT CBSO/Halsey Birmingham

dozens of treble and adolescent soprano and alto voices lilting melodiously through the harmonically and rhyth-mically straightforward vocal

In a CBSO concert in Symphony Hall, with Mahler's Fifth Symphony to come after the interval. Storm was sadly out of place. There is more interesting music in a dozen spoken lines from The Tempest than in the 20 minutes of

By the end of this month, when Simon Rattle and the CBSO get back from a tour of Switzerland and Austria, they will have given at least eight more performances of Mahler's Fifth. So it is fortunate that there is still something to work for. The virtuoso first horn part is already well under control, as is most of the scoring for brass and woodwind. The cellos are impressive, too. But the violin sound is, as yet, ill-focused and easily swamped, while the interpre tation, characteristically fervent though it is, really needs to have more patience with the structural strategy of the last

GERALD LARNER

Superstar in search of peace

Brad Pitt tells Martyn Palmer why his need

for a quiet time making Seven Years in

Tibet left him trapped behind barbed wire

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hortly after arriving in Uspa-llata, a remote dustbowl of a town in the foothills of the Andes, director Jean-Jacques Annaud was faced with having to call his studio back in Hollywood with a rather unusual request in order to

protect his big star. Brad Pitt.
Annaud had chosen Uspallata (population 200) and the surrounding area on the Argentine border with Chile because of its similarities to the Himalayas, where his latest project, Seven Years in Tibet — reviewed by Geoff Brown on the facing page - is set. He also chose it

because, he thought, it would mean that the cast and crew - Pitt in particular - would be left in peace to get on with the ob. But Annand had seriously underestimated the pulling power of Hollywood's No I golden

"The first day he arrived i took him to this little restaurant at the gas station," Annaud says. "Suddenly six bus-

es stop in front of the restaurant and girls are pouring out and screaming. Assah, Brad Pittl Brad Pittl' It was like the Beatles or something." The paparazzi weren't far behind. Annaud estimates that within a

couple of days there were more than 150 different cars, trucks and vans full of photographers from all over the world converging on the town. Annaud had no choice but to move his star into the local army barracks. It was siege time.
The whole barracks was immed-

iately surrounded by screaming women and photographers," Annaud says. "It had machinegums on the outside walls but I suppose they knew that we couldn't shoot them so they started climbing the walls. The first bill they saw back at the studio was \$60,000 for six miles of barbed wire o put around the perimeter wall. They said: This isn't in the budget.' I said: 'I know, but what do you expect me to do?" "

The actor himself, who has seen his popularity soar ever since he played a charismatic drifter in Thelma and Louise six years ago, says that even he was surprised by the furore. "We were in the middle of nowhere and I thought it would be the one place we would escape all that: Then again they'd had *Evita* down in Argentina, with Madonna and everything, and whenever you bring a movie into somewhere and make it tangible for people, there is curiosity. In the end. you just have to get on with the job."

If Pitt is philosophical about the fuss, there are signs that, at 33, the novelty of a life lived under the

microscope, where his every move is analysed and judged, is beginning to wear off. Earlier this year, when his relationship with the actress Gwyneth Paltrow ended, the attention reached fever pitch, leaving him weary and somewhat guarded.

Indeed, he says that one of the reasons he chose to make Seven Years in Tibet was because the film's central theme deals with the ultimate shallowness of the individual's quest for soccess at all costs. Material rewards - and Pitt is now said to be

paid \$12 million per picture — do not necessarily bring happiness. We think that success will patch up some kind of hole in our lives and the truth is that it doesn't, Pitt says. "But I can say that until I'm blue in the face and no one is going to hear it."

Pitt feels that the enor-

mous rewards which Hollywood bestows on its chosen few being their own very real problems. And that success is hollow without "something

else", whether it be religion, a secure relationship or whatever, to act as an anchor in life.

"Yeah, sure, I think that's why you see so many of us actors who don't last the long run and don't survive it," he says. They become self-destructive, whether it's with their career or their life. And I think it's why people have overdosed and so many people have checked out. It's a beast. And it actually puts the emphasis on the wrong thing. You get away with more instead of looking within." Seven Years in Tibet is based on

the true story of Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer, who in 1939 left behind his pregnant wife to join an expedition which set out to climb Nanga Parbat, one of the highest peaks in the Himalayas.

arrer, a self-centred, arro gant man, and his colleagues were captured by the British after war was declared. They escaped and Harrer, along with expedition leader Peter Aufschnaiter (played in the film by David Thewlis), trekked through the Himalsyas for two years before eventually snuggling theinselves into the mysterious Tibetan city of Lhasa, where they were befriended by the 14-year-old Dalai Lama. Harrer, now 85, became one of the Dalai's tutors and, through his friendship, experienced the spiritual awakening which is at the very heart of the film.

But, as the production neared its completion, Germany's Stern maga-zine revealed what director Annaud



says he suspected all along -.. that Harrer was a member of the Nazi party. "It wasn't obvious to me before we started filming that he was a Nazi," Pitt says. "He was certainly a representative of it, that much was apparent from the script. But when the story came out it took a more sensationalist tack in the sense that when you hear the word 'Nazi' you have visions of concentration camps and mass forture. That wasn't the

"This was an egotistical man looking to further himself. He only cared about himself and this wasn't about political convictions. It wasn't about serving some cause or belief other than the belief in himself. "In a way, the fact that he was a

Nazi enhances the story; because it's about coming to terms with your demons. It was certainly nothing that hothered me."

The shoot itself was extremely arduous and physically demanding on its two main stars. Pitt and Thewlis tackled most of the climbing scenes themselves, after intense prefilm training.

"Actually, we both wanted to do more," Pitt says. "The climbing became a bit of a metaphor for life. The day before you make the assault you are anxious and excited and then you finally get there and it's a battle of the head as much as anything. It's you and the mountain. It was an amazing experience."

Unlike others in Hollywood

audience had warmed not

only to the music but to

Reeves's down-to-earth de-

notably Richard Gere - Pitt's close contact with Tibelan culture has not led to him becoming a Buddhist. He is still looking for that "something else", but it has obviously made him think about his own life and values. "I'm interested in all religions," he says, without being part of any religion. And I certainly believe that when you look at this culture, which is completely different from ours and not materialistic, we have a lot to

learn from them. "We had a lot of Tibetan people on set and you spend the day with them and you feel this inner sense of harmony and peace and yet, on the materialistic side, they have nothing. So it makes you wonder if they are on 1 the right track and you're not."

he should remember that

quality material can have one

coat of varnish too many.

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POP: Conner Reeves puts his blue-eyed soul to the test of live performance

Pretty tasty, but go easy on the syrup

The apparent ease with which Conner Reeves sashayed into the public consciousness in the summer could almost restore one's faith in the fairness of the star system. South London tunesmith releases cultured debut single, radio stations play it, public buys it. The story did not just adhere to the texthook: it was superglued to ft.
The subtext to the success of

My Father's Son was that Reeves was already a relative veteran when it burst forth. He appeared to arrive as the singer-songwriting article thanks to a firm schooling in professional tune-smithery, during which he had compositions recorded by Tina Turner, Bonnie Raitt and

Reeves has recently had another Top 15 hit, Earth-bound, and, with a maiden album of that name due in the record racks on Monday, his next test was to pass under the microscope of his first live show as a "name". The lazz Café, in Camden, north London, was packed with

people eager to take a turn at Ordinary People. By then the

if the album tends occasionally to have a spoonful too much syrup, its songs are founded on the exacting standards of construction set by the upscale freelance composer: memorable choruses, cutabove lyrics and, best of all, a voice of an unforced and sustained soutfulness not often heard this side of the Atlantic.

All those qualities showed themselves at the Jazz Cafe in an increasingly confident performance. Assuming the keyboards in his trademark leather cap; he and his band led off with the tightly woven and funky Read My Mind. Nobody But You was the first to stir those feelings of excessive smoothness, and by the time Reeves underlined his emotive vocal abilities in the gospel-leaning We are the Wave one wished he was plying those skills in slightly

more dangerous territory. Earthbound came over the kind of Kleenex ballad that could well get Hollywood on the line, as did the encore,



After two fairly successful singles, Conner Reeves is nearly ready to take his well-honed songs into the big time

meanour. He has the potential PAUL SEXTON to be a British Babyface but, "THE MOVIES PREMISE IS FANTASTIC AN INTELLIGENT THRILLER' "AN EKAMPLE OF HOLLYWOOD FILM-MAKING AT ITS FLAT-DUT FINEST



NOW SHOWING ODEON AND AT CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THE TIMES THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20 1997 NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown salutes the intelligence and compassion of Gillies MacKinnon's masterly Regeneration

The war film to end all war films

n overhead camera surveys the scene. Trenches Mud. Shells exploding. Lives ending. Minds breaking. Regeneration, the film of Pat Barker's novel, should have been released last week, the week of Remembrance Straday and Armistice Day. istead, we were watching Demi Moore's muscles. But Regeneration has the

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last laugh. For all its on-slaught of imagery, G.I. Jane passes in and out of the memory Gillies Mackinnon's film stays put, and percolates through the heart and mind. If you would and feeling went in British film-making, it went here, into this powerful account of life at Craiglockart Military Hospital in Edin-burgh, 1917, home to the shell-shocked of the First World War, to Siegfried Sassoon, the soldier pacifist, to Wilfred Owen, war poet in the making, and to Dr William Rivers, the doctor undergoing his own crisis as he attends to shat-

The brilliantly staged opening - one of the most vivid and terrible re-creations of the wartime trenches in all cinema is in some ways misleading. It prefigures a film of physical action. But the bulk of the action in Regeneration occurs in the characters' minds, as they wage their own wars between patriotism and pacifism, sanity and madness, ways of healing, and the various divisions of friendship. and class.

Allan Scott's script further complicates matters by avoiding a straight narrative line. There are no heroes or villains in this film to stir big emoters who in themselves conjure ambivalent feelings. Is Sas-soon a cool, collected imperclass prig, or a valiant man struggling with conflicting beliefs? As for Dr Rivers, is he ioe? Should he, indeed, be a patient himself, as disturbed as he is by the trauma of tackling trauma?

the past James. Wilby has complete without human draseemed just another young man from the Merchant divory picture gallery; but he works decorated soldier assigned to raiglockart as an alternative No a court martial after issuing a statement denouncing the war. Jonathan Pryce is more compelling still as Rivers, less assured, more wounded, as the scenes proceed, especially after witnessing the electric shock treatment pioneered by John Neville's Dr Yealland. mental massage, helping to heal delicate souls such as Stuart Bunce's Wilfred Owen

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Regeneration Odeon Haymarket 15, 113 mins Powerful and poignant adaptation of Pat Barker's novel Welcome to

Sarajevo Warner West End 15, 101 mins The horrors of war, the agony of war reportage Seven Years

in Tibet Empire, PG, 139 mins Brad Pitt reaches enlightenment, but what about us?

Lawn Dogs Curzon West Erid 15, 101 mins Lively film about forbidden friendship

Inventing the Abbotis Warner West End 15, 106 mins Small-town drama not worth inventing

Nothing to Lose Warner West End 15. 98 mins Except Tim Robbins's winning streak

or Jonny Lee Miller's workingclass Billy, a fictional character, struck dumb by the

In the past, MacKinnon has sometimes pushed too hard for effects. But he lets Barker's material envelop us without cinema's equivalent of a rude jab with the elbow. The film's power and poignancy makes you realise anew why the First World War haunts this century so much: a way of living and a core of certainties were blasted apart in the trenches, and we are still picking up the In 70 years will the world

still be making films, or their equivalent, about the war in former Yugoslavia? I suspect. Exemplary performances not, although for several years guide us through this mate. In no film festival has been mas ripped from the Balkans. mane ito Garrajeva, irom the Butterfly Kiss team of Michael Winterbottom and ain's first entry in the genre, and for much of the time it stands its ground well. This is Sarajevo in 1992.

Civilians fall to sniper fire with numbing suddenness; the shooting over, journalists and TV crews jump to it. wending through the carnage. bringing the horrors to fire-sides worldwide. Since this is a Yealland gives his patients a British movie, a certain deco-brutal join Rivers prefers a rum operates. It is left to the American TV journalist played by Woody Harrelson to



fellow, played by Stephen Dillane, goes softly softly, at least until he takes up the cause of orphaned children and smuggles one girl out of the country in a busiond of

illane's character is called Michael Henderson, just a short hop away from Michael Nicholson, the IIN reporter whose experi-ences inspired the film. Dillane's gradual shift from objective reporter to feeling though there are a number of distractions. One is the pres-Tomei as an aid worker: unhelpful in a film that yearns to do without Hollywood. gloss. Another is Boyce's script, which cannot resist heavy irony and leaves lesser characters dangling.

The images, at least, are shaped, shot, and cut with care. During street turmoil, film and video footage alternate to striking effect. Archive footage supplies various visitations by politicians and the UN: useful for fuelling the film's exasperation with the

powers that be, in fact, for all its use of orphaned children and tender feelings, Welcome to Sarajevo is quite a tart movie; faults acknowledged, it should be seen.

The week's third war takes place in Tibet in 1949, when Chinese forces do their best to stamp out Buddhist religion and culture. Not that Seven Years in Tibet is a war movie: indeed, Jean-Jacques Annaud's elaborate international production filmed, for safety's sake, in Argentina, does not hour, we remain locked into unbettern mag an uninvolving if true story of Lawn Dogs Heinrich Harrer, an arrogant by that famous Austrian, Brad. Pitt, setting out for the Hima-Thewiis, another famous Anstrian, keeps him company. Together, they get dumped into a PoW camp, escape,

Then they reach Tibet. Mountains are forgotten. They form attachments. Thewlis gets the girl, but Pitt gets the boy Dalai Lama. He fills the

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world, even helps to build him a cinema. The film becomes more interesting, but chaotic. Just when Pitt's spiritual growth seems the focus, the Chinese blur the issue by marching in. After two long

hours, we still remain outside Heinrich Harrer's experience. The landscape and photog-raphy are ravishing, of course. Tibet looks authentic, for all the use of a stand-in country. Pitt strips to the waist to please his fans. But all this handsomeness still leaves the film in: a-muddle. Thet deserves.
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Lawn Dogs could be the last

new film to be bashed into life

Film Distributors, who financed the venture, shot in Kentucky, now are no more. The company's progenitor, J. Arthur Rank, would probably think John Duigan's drama the work of the devil. But the film tells its story very well, with lashings of quirky atmo-sphere and two outstanding performances. One is Mischa Barron's: the ten-year-old is

wonderfully natural as the lonely and troubled girl marooned in a well-heeled suburban development. Another is Sam Rockwell's: his character mows the estate's lawns and endures the scorn of local

layabouts and his employers.

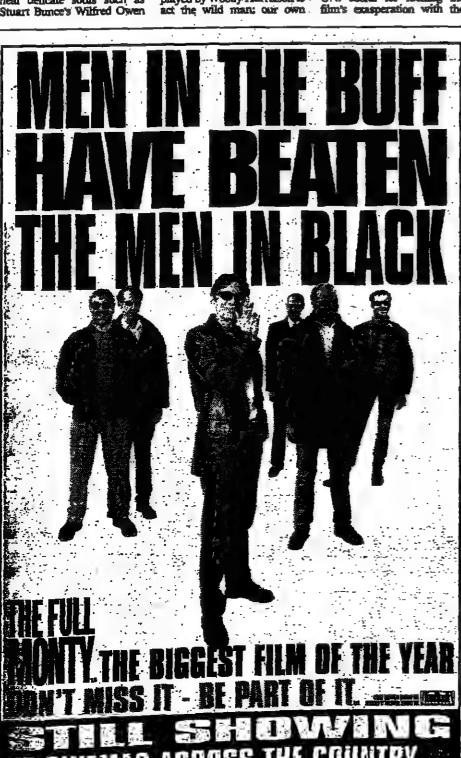
tween the two outsiders; fireworks result. The script, by Naomi Wallace, is spare and suggestive.

This is the first time Duigan has worked in America, but the Australian director of Flirting and Sirens finds much to stimulate his visual eye in the stilling, manicured Kentucky suburb. Lawn Dogs looks good, feels different and feels right.

Other new films peddle worn-out goods. Inventing the Abbotts, directed by Pat O'Connor, is an overty solemn. and old-fashioned drama_set in sunny, small-town Illinois in the late 1950s, where the

share adolescent pains with the three daughters of the wealthy Abbott family. The cast includes Joaquin Phoenix, Billy Crudup, Will Patton and Liv Tyler, but no one is allowed to be exciting.

Nor do sparks fly in Nothing to Lose, despite the provocative star billing. Tim Robbins plays an advertising executive who takes to the road with a reluctant mugger (the amiable Martin Lawrence). Robbins has shown such savvy as a director (Bob Roberts, Dead Man Walking) that his participation in Steve Oedekerk's tedious comedy comes as a rude shock. Oh





LONDON

CELEBRITY RECITAL. The only London appearance this year by the distinguished American collist to Yo Ma. He is joined by the time British prantsi Kathryn Stott in a programme leaturing music by Straversky, Brahms. Edgar Mayer and Astor Piazzolla. Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-980 4242) Tomght, 7 30pm 🔂 MADAME DE BADE WILLIO GOVIN directs a production for new theatre company Gaudeamus of the cuil Mishma s psychological study of love and lovally set around the time of the

lution. Budling Crisp Road, Wil (0181-741 2255) Opens langtil. 7 45pm. Then Tue-Sun, 7 45pm (5) SOUNDS OF STREET, USE VALUE, THE Finnish festival, proceeds with the London Symphony Orchestra under Sir Coin Davis continuing its Science cycle Com Lews communing its Sequence cycle foreign programme opens with the ione poem The Oceanides, tollowed by Symphonies 3 and 4 Bantisan St. Smart EC2 (8171-63), 8891) Tonighr, 7.30pm S

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Sinister, sassy charmers'

f you have come to suspect that American juries may not always reach their verdicts on the basis of the truth and nothing but the truth, you should go to the Adelphi and discover for yourself that the Simpson and Woodward cases belong to a fine old tradition. As Kander and Ebb's splendidly scathing musical defines it. justice in the Chicago of 70 years ago was a branch of showbiz, complete with its own impresarios, playhouses and, in the form of highly subjective reporters, even its own reviewers. Time

has added little but live television. After all, how does Walter Bobbie's spare, sharp revival of Chicago attain and maintain its extraordinary grip? A phalanx of murderesses begin by lamenting that, just because they have slain irritating or inconvenient men, they are stuck in Cook County jail waiting for trial. But, as the plot proceeds to demonstrate, they have no cause to complain. Crime is the mak-

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ing and not the breaking of everyone bar the only innocent among them. Henry Goodman's celeb attorney a performance as impeccable as his

lacquered hair and polished rhetoric --shimmers onstage to declare that "If Jesus Christ had lived in Chicago and had \$5,000, things would have turned out differently". That's good news for Ute Lemper's wonderfully brash, rangy Velma and Ruthie Henshall's sexy, fake-demure Roxie, both of whom are elbows deep in blood. Their notoriety proves to be a route to the iurors' hearts and - until a more exotic killer (Berserk Filly Fells Four) replaces them - dual triumph on the vaudeville circuit.

When Chicago first came to London in 1979, it was a fussy affair. The twin strengths of Bobbie's revival are its imaginative simplicity and sly eroticism. Most of the stage is filled with a bank of musicians, leaving a slim shelf on which singers in black bras, briefs, trousers, waistcoats, whatever, indulge in the leggy sinuosities and sassy undulations that Ann Reinling has choreographed in the style of the late, great Bob Fosse. Think of a dangerously elegant entertainment from some corner of Hades, and you have the evening's sinister charm. Or imagine a post-socialist Brecht setting The Threepenny Opera in what is nominally the 1920s, but by inference the mawkish, victim-obsessed 1990s, and you have the measure of the mischief.

Kander's music is not just hummable but, like Ebb's lyrics, packed with sophisticated mockery. You won't quickly forget the moment when Lemper's Velma and Meg Johnson's big-momma wardress launch into a semi-literate tribute to nice manners and ethics; or when Nigel Planer, hilarious as Roxie's vast, vacant husband, burbles Mr Cellophane.

The show begins by welcoming us to a tale of murder, greed, treachery and "all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts", and it ends with glitzy Lemper and glamorous Henshall assuring their vaudeville audience that they are "the living examples of what a wonderful country America is". In between, the performers' abrasive energy and the authors' subversive wit



Young, gifted and cracked

f ever a four letter fitte deserved a soverprient health marriag, it is Ray Shelly's Iced, an uncompro-mising trawi through the life of a black American crack addict. Facing: the electric chair for throwing a twomonth-old baby off the roof of a tower block, Cornelius Washington Jr must convince an attractive white doctor who favours Gucci stilettos and a sexy knee length skirt why he shouldn't fry.

"Bring the bastard in now," growls Donna King's Dr Dulight into the prison intercom. Enter Tyrone Huggins's subdued Cornelius, not a sadis-tic rolling-eyed mess but an educated. fearful victim of the most addictive drug on the streets. It is this wrestling match for the doctor's sympathy that preoccupies Felix Cross's production for the Black Theatre Co-op and Nottingham Playhouse.

Cornellus paints the scene at the breakfast table circa 1960, where his father, wearing a big white napkin, tells his 16-year-old son to forget his college aspirations and concentrate on being a "nigger" at home. Dr Dolight lights up a cigarette and we slip seamlessly into Cornelius's past.

With its neon lights and large tilted screen, Carla Eve Amie's set creates interesting spaces for the snapshots of family disunity and Cornelius's bohemian life in the big city. Some time in the 1970s a loving relationship with an older woman and a lawyer's job in the music world are derailed when Corne-

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Cornelius's distinguished is documen-Dipetravs die plav s original roots as a novel. And a surprisingly old-fashioned one at that.
"I don't have a life, all I have are needs," wails the increasingly jittery Cornelius. Addiction, it has to be said

is as monotonous as it is debasing. Gordon Case pisys three villains brilliantly, the best being a drug therapist who, in a satanic twist, turns his vulnerable patient back on to crack in exchange for sex. But it is Huggins who keeps the narrative oiled with a twitching, jabbering performance of paranoia and delusion that is affecting in the way that aversion therapy is affecting. One showing is quite enough.

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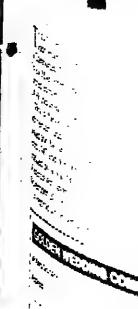


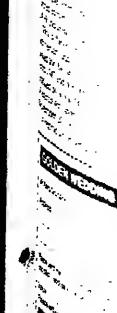


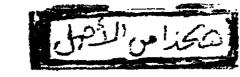












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FESTIVAL: Tippett goes down a treat in Scandinavia. Hilary Finch reports

There was never a Tippett festival like it: 50 works in ten days, from the First String Quartet to his final The Rose Lake. And this was not London, not Boston, but Stockholm, where very little Tippett is known or played. Elderly ladies diligently read their libretti over their smorgasbord; punks filled the galleries. Sir Michael, now 92 set off from London with high hopes of lasting the course, but contracted pneumonia and within 12 hours was in hospital. Twenty-four hours later he was up, receiving guests and reports of each warmly recerved concert.

Each year the Stockholm Konserthus, home of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic, offers an immersion course in the works of a major contemporary composer. Schnittke and Part have figured in recent years, and the energy, commitment and lively curiosity revealed by the often full houses of these festivals has to be seen to be believed. For Tippett, the general manager Ake Holmqvist, who founded the festival 12 years ago, had, with generous support from the British Council, assembled Sweden's leading orchestras and choruses, and vintage Tippett performers.
The RSP itself opened the

festival with Andrew Davis conducting Tippett's verbose yet musically exuberant megaoratorio The Mask of Time. The auditorium of the exquisite Art Deco Konserthus revealed Tippett's shifting kaleidoscope of orchestration with thrilling clarity, whether in filigree dance or in the coppery brass and percussion resonances of primeval sacri-fice. The renowned Eric Eric-son Choir had perhaps underestimated the complexity of the choral writing testing enough even for native speakers. But while their contribution was cautiously underpowered, Davis's lithe

pacing provided the momen-

quartet of soloists including Carole Farley and Steven Page, ensured a powerful per-

formance.
When The Mask was premiered in Boston in 1984 the piece, with its encyclopaedic literary and musical refer-ences, was thought to be a summation of a life's work. Of course there was much more to come: not least Tippett's remarkable 1990 setting of Years's Byzantium for soprano and orchestra, with its golden and orchestra, with its golden musical domes of gongs and trumpets, its pulsating harps and its heady, melismatic vocal writing. With Richard Armstrong conducting the excellent Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, and with Helen Field re-creating with extraordinary elongence, "those imdinary eloquence "those images that yet fresh images beget", this was undoubtedly

the highlight of the weekend. That evening had also wit-nessed a timely and buoyant performance of the 1948 Suite for the Birthday of Prince Charles and a rigorously searching account of the Second Symphony. The heavily ornamented duet for divided cellos and violins, and the exposed writing for trumpet, flute, harp and piano in a work where Tippett was moving transpared for trumpets of trumpets of the control of the contr ing towards fresh concepts of orchestration and harmony, certainly put an orthestra through its paces; and the Gothenburg, riding high on its recent elevation to Sweden's "national orchestra", met ev-

ery challenge head-on. Thanks to continuing Brit-ish operatic machinations, Paul Daniel was unable to conduct the Triple Concerto and the Third Symphony. If the Sundish Parile Symphony. the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Alun Francis sounded understandably cautious at the start of the symphony, the presence of soprano Faye Robinson, a Tippett veteran, raised his ironic and still disturbing response to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to a thrillingly high

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Theatre director tells Richard Morrison why he has suddenly

n a plush Aldwych office from which he customarily surveys the world he knows best — London's pulsating theatre-land — Duncan Weldon crouches on the edge of an armchair contemplating his other life, the life that came crashing down around him last weekend. Eyes bulge, fists are clenched. He is not the West End's most happy fella. Until Monday the veteran

quit the job

impresario was also director of the Chichester Festival Theatre. A £600,000 loss on the year, a bust-up with the board, an outbreak of fear and loathing among the staff and a clash of violently opposed philosophies about how to keep this famous but precari-ous institution in business with virtually no public subsidy have put an end to that.

After a translitious weekend of rows Weldon quit Chichester, claiming that the board had breached his combact. The break is irrevocable; the feelings bitter. "Chichester has insurmountable financial difficulties," Weldon says. "But it's not my problem now."

At the heart of the matter is more than just a clash of personalities between Weldon, the freewheeling deal-maker who sends starry productions round the world, and Max Davies, chairman of the sedate Chichester board. Weldon believes that the only way forward for Chichester is to present plays just in the summer season: a 20-week festival of big names, big audiences, healthy profits, and bankable productions that he can transfer to the West End.

"I saw from the moment I got there that the theatre had to go back to being what it was when Laurence Olivier ran It: a summer seasonal venue, closed in the winter," he says. That is perhaps not the im-pression that Weldon gave to impartial observers when he took over the theatre three years ago - but it's certainly an opinion he expresses vehepublic subsidy to support a 12month season, and too small an audience."

But many in Chichester have other ideas. They view the theatre as an all-yearround local asset. And of course the theatre staff are not amused by the prospect of being laid off for 30 weeks a year. "I recognise that I am not popular with the staff, who quite rightly see their liveli-hood going down the tubes because of what I'm saying,"

Duncan Weldon: after a tumultuous weekend of rows he has left the Chichester Theatre, claiming that the board has breached his contract commercial producer. I can see that only draconian action will keep Chichester alive.

ter's board and trustees are not knowledgeable theatre folk. There are 70 trustees, of whom 40 never come anywhere near the place. They have to realise that they are playing around in the com-mercial theatre. It's a high-risk game. I

The trouble is that Chiches-

know - I've been in it for 30 years." This is not the first time in the theatre's 36-year history that a director has departed suddenly and sullenly. Six years ago Michael Rudman was dismissed after just one sea-

son, apparently for

taking too many

artistic risks for comfortable he account for Chichester's Sussex tastes. But Weldon's tenure had begun so promisingly. For a start, he was no newcomer: over the decades he had transferred more than 30 Chichester productions to the West End. And he talked convincingly about restoring what he still refers to as "the third most important theatre organis-ation in Britain, after the

National and RSC to the centre of thespian life. His plans were dazzling Arriving in 1995 he offered a mmer of wall-to-wall stars Lauren Bacall, Derek Jacobi, Ian Richardson, Pin-ter, Keith Michell, Leo McKern - and the season turned in a tidy profit. The

next year the mixture was as before. And although this produced a small loss. Weldon was given a five-year extension to his contract. Then came the annus horribilis of 1997. A £600,000 deficit in-

exorably piled up, 6 Only and the critical consensus was that the draconian season had fewer highlights than action Weldon's earlier two. Even allowing Weldon's point that will keep "75 per cent" of the Chichester deficit was caused by the less successful winter season alive 9

> sudden plunge in fortunes?
> "Actually I think we are still very successful. We mounted productions during the summer, we played to 200,000 people, and if we were even slightly subsidised we would have ended in profit. After all, £600,000 is just a fraction of

subsidy."
But Chichester isn't subsidised. Surely Weldon should have cut his coat according to his cloth? "Yes, but this year we were hit by two extraordinary factors. First, we lost

West Yorkshire Playhouse's

Maureen Lipman from Blithe Spirit at the end of rehearsals. She was seriously ill, but that undoubtedly cost us £200,000. Then came the death of Princess Diana. That obliterated our business for two weeks, as it did in the West End and

he accusation from some in Chichester, however, is that Weldon was using Chichester to rehearse and fine-tune glamorous productions that he could then present profitably elsewhere. What is his answer to that? "Look, I bring in stars to do quality theatre. I've done that around the world, and that's what I was asked to do by the Chichester board. If I had been told that I couldn't take the productions elsewhere, I would not have accepted the

"I know that some people in Chichester resent the fact that shows like Zoe Wanamaker in Electra go on to be successful in London. I also accept that some people would like to turn Chichester into a repertory company with no stars. But if that's what they want, I am not the man for the job. They knew that from the start."

Perhaps they should also have known that Weldon, a tough metropolitan operator to his fingertips, was hardly the man to enjoy mingling socially with the Sussex

squirearchy. "I have no inter-

est in attending baby shows, going to local art galleries, or

reading a lesson in the cathedral," he says. "My sole interest, 24 hours a day, is in

Events came to a head last

Saturday. Weldon says that he

was "pressurised" into agree-

ing to stay for just one year of

his contracted four. Then on

Monday, he says, his second-in-command was suspended

from Chichester by the chair-

man. That, he argues, breach-

his own contract, and he is

now seeking redress. "I cannot

have an amateur board inter-

fere with my professional in-

tegrity," he says. What happens now? Wel-

the hire-and-fire terms of

putting on quality drams."

don believes that if the season

was cut to 20 weeks in the

summer, with only eight plays

spread over the main stage

and the Minerva studio,

Chichester could still be run

without subsidy. However, an

a level of support from local

authorities and regional and

national arts bodies that has

not been forthcoming, and is

even less likely now. And

unlike Glyndebourne - Sus-

sex's other bastion of unsubsidised culture - Chichester has

no big corporate sponsors

behind the scenes. Its trustees

may now be wondering

whether its days as a glorious

anachronism are numbered.

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But as Weldon says, that is no

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lower register.

Ellen Orford from Grimes may seem an unlikely role, but she gives the Embroidery aria, gently supported by Jonathan Summers, much warmth (and Solti is not too often heard in Britten). She remains mistress of the final emotional flourish at the end of a long aria, as Tatyana's troubled letter to Onegin proves. Most interest-ing of all is the close of Daphne, which suggests that Strauss's late heroines might provide her next career move. Here the orchestra has the last word and, perhaps in memory of Solti, that is how it should

restored by Martin Goetze and Dominic Gwynn as far as possible in the form in which Handel would have known it. Meaty diapasons and piquant mutations and mixtures are the result, all enhanced by a specially designed pitch and tuning system. The somewhat aggressive character of the instrument has inspired the performers to essay equally robust and forthright accounts

of these works. For a more relaxed approach, the new version from Bob van Asperen and the OAE (Virgin Veritas) can also be recommended, but it is the Hyperion set that casts the greater light, and Nicholson's playing is unfailingly stylish.

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*** £14.49 THE Duke Quartet, renowned for its sparky collabo-rations with Philip Glass, Siobhan Davies and Blur, now tackles two lurid human dramas in its latest discs of turn-of-the-century classics by Berg and Schoenberg. Schoenberg printed the

source of inspiration for his 1902 Verklärte Nacht (Transfigured Night) — a poem about an abandoned pregnant woman winning the undying love of a new suitor - in the programme at the work's first performance, and predictably caused a scandal. On the other hand, Berg's love affair with Hanna Fuchs, cryptically encoded within the 12-tone language of his Lyric Suite. remained undiscovered until the death of his wife in 1976.

Both works, better known in orchestrations, are presented here in their original chamber versions: the Schoenberg for string sextet, in a performance which fills a huge theatrical space, yet engages with searing intimacy; and the Berg for string quartet. As the Berg's fast movements get faster — from Allegro gioviale to Presto delirando - and its slow movements become slower from Andante amoroso to Largo desolato - the Duke Quartet tunes close into the heart of the music's troubled nerve system. An excellent recording reveals its fine,

tense balance of voices and

keen rhythmic sense.

Partners in memory shimmering account (in Czech) of O silver moon from Dvořák's Rusalka, an opera Hilary Finch John Higgins she has been singing all over

in late summer alas put an end to a most rewarding operatic partnership with Renée Fleming. The American soprano had been the star of the conductor's last two Mozart sets. Cost and Don Giovanni. Fortunately, he left behind this recital disc, wideranging and revealing Fleming's growing vocal resources.

Countess's two arias from Figaro taken very slowly by Solti to let the Fleming lustre show through. There is a

Organ Concertos Consort/Goodman *** £27.99 THE great coup of this new recording of Handel's Organ Concertos by Paul Nicholson with the Brandenburg Consort under Roy Goodman is to have secured the instrument on which the composer played at St Lawrence Whitchurch. The organ has recently been

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Lawrence James on the dreams of power that made Napoleon Emperor — and were his downfall

Victim of his own success

apoleon never lost faith in himself. Even on St Helena, when picking over what had gone wrong, he blamed two convenient culprits: his subordinates and fate. It is paradoxical that the man whom the Romantic imagination portrayed as the spirit of the Enlightenment in arms against the forces of unreason and darkness was profoundly superstitious. Napoleon believed he was a child of fortune, a gambler who relied on luck and a benevolent star which directed his destiny.

In this brilliant biography, which will surely become a classic life of Napoleon, McLynn analyses his complex and contradictory motives and sets him and them in the context of the world he strove to reshape. The author rightly

stresses the unresolved inner struggle between the rational. modern man and the credulous stargazer who claimed that a "little

red man" advised him whenever he was about to take a crucial decision. Playing host to phantoms may well have been part of Napoleon's Corsican inheritance, which provided what McLynn calls the "primitive" strain in his temperament. It also showed itself by displays of loutish-ness, outbursts of spleen, an addiction to chicanery and sexual selfishness. Corsica also provided Napoleon with a family which clung to his coat tails and proved a liability throughout his career.

It was the French Revolution, designed to place reason in control of human affairs, which gave Napoleon his chances. The malcontent subaltern moved steadily upwards and, in the process, fulfilled private Caesarean fantasies. He made himself invaluable to those with power, but avoided close attachment to any particular cause. The breakthrough came after his Egyptian adventure of 1798-99, when force, effrontery and reputation procured him the consulship which opened the way to an imperial crown.

caught the imagination of France and sowed the seeds of a legend which would be carefully cultivated by his propaganda machine. But the First Consul was enough of a pragmatist to appreciate that a slavish press and popular prints of David's heroic canvases were not the foundations of an enduring personal dictatorship. Apolitical, Napoleon resorted to plebiscites in which he appealed directly to the self-interest of those like himself who had done well out of the Revolution. Stability and the right of property were his catchwords and they won over the bourgeoisie and the richer peasants who wanted the chance to enjoy their gains in peace and prosper. The Rights of Man were applied selectively and Liberty, Equality and

had given France a **NAPOLEON** decade of turbu-lence, discreetly By Frank McLynn Jonathan Cape, £25 ISBN 0 224 04072 3

In their place was the pursuit of Gloire, which turned so many young heads and

added lustre to Napoleon's prestige. Moreover, soldiering in the Grande Armée was highly profitable. Napo-leon turned a blind eye to his commanders' greed (which he shared) and, as McLynn points out, many French generals were little more than brigands in cocked hats. Progress and Modernisation continued under Napoleon, but was regulated in the interests of the French State by a centralised bureaucracy. Dissent, whether from the Royalist Right or the Jacobin Left, was stifled by the secret police.

Napoleonic France inherited its predecessors' conflicts with Britain over the dispensation of world power (now very much in favour of the latter) and with the ancien régime monarchies of Austria. Prussia and Russia over the ordering of Europe. There was also the Emperor's Alexandrian dream of conquest in the Middle East and Asia where French armies would regenerate decayed civilisations with injections of the new Enlightenment. The scope of ...



A gambler who believed he was a child of fortune: Napoleon painted in 1814 by Paul Delaroche

determination to scotch them made

war unavoidable. It was a contest of stamina and resources and, after the Russian debacle. Napoleon was running short of both. His continental puppet states were swallowed up by France and their citizens became victims of the Grande Armée's insatiable demands for cash and conscripts. How long these burdens could have been sustained without serious unrest, or whether it could have been contained, can only be guessed at. By 1813, Brittany, long a hotbed of Bourbon resistance, had become almost ungovernable and there was evasion of the draft throughout Napoleon's Empire.

Facing defeat, Napoleon pictured

betrayed by fate. For Frenchmen, the horrors of invasion were stark enough to convince them that they were better off without a man of destiny. Indeed, when Napoleon had gone, the bulk of his servants became loyal subjects of Louis XVIII: Taileyrand, Soult and flegions of functionaries surpassed their former master in the art of political survival. Three million soldiers of the Grande Armée did not survive, having died in battle or from sickness,

The Napoleonic myth lived on. Stendhal's young heroes attempted to base their lives on it and Byron lamented the loss of an heroic. liberal spirit who had endeavoured to overcome all that was evil in his Making and Unmaking of British time. There was some truth in this: - India, is published by Little,

recovered from Napoleon's assaults and, in time, were transformed by the ideas he had claimed to champion. He had raised French nationalism to a level of dangerous hubris, and, unwittingly, did the same for British and Spanish. Again, unintentionally, he had delivered Britain global supremacy and drawn Russia into the centre stage of European affairs, where it has remained ever since. When Stalin was asked what it felt like to stand on Frederick the Great's parade ground at Potsdam. he remarked that Tsar Alexander I had ridden into Paris.

Lawrence James's Raj: The

reduced to the condition of

animals. In their midst, how-

ever, is a single woman, "the doctor's wife", who chose to feign blindness to accompany

her husband into incarcera-

tion. Miraculously she retains

her sight, and with it her

integrity. Led by her, a small

group of inmates manages to

cling to a semblance of order.

Blindness is an obvious

parable - struck blind, the

doctor and his wife under-

stand that it was when they

had their sight that they saw

least. "If you can see, look. If

you can look, observe," ex-

No case for aying blame laying blame on the dead

istorians are sup-posed to be clinically detached, but Sheldon Watts's exploration of the pestilences of the past seethes with passion. Successive chapters vividly recreate the suffering and devastation brought about over the centuries by bubonic plague, leprosy, smalipox, cholera, yellow fe-ver and malaria.

Imagine going down with cholera in 1830. You grew nauseous and dizzy. Stomach cramps, vomiting and diar-rhoea rapidly followed, and your stools turned to a grey liquid known as rice water. You passed up to 10 litres in 24 hours before dehydration set in. You could wake up hale and hearty but be a corpse tomorrow. There was no cure, It was a terrible way to die - indeed, it can be still, and the current cholera pandemic, starting in 1961 in Indonesia and rampant in Asia and South America, is the longest pandemic ever.

The real standal, in Watts's view, is that such catastrophes, far from being inevitable accidents of nature, were, and remain, the avoidable products of human agency or neglect. To be precise, it is the triumph of the West which has aggravated these killer dis-eases. Capitalism has wrecked stable ecological and social systems, and imperialist greed has created the ideal environments for malaria, TB and Aids. In short, development spreads disease.

. For those who, like myself, were brought up at school on heroic stories of medical missionaries. Watts's message may seem mean. Yet no one can deny his book is welldocumented: ample evidence is adduced to show that, be itin medieval Europe or modernising Ethiopia, the measures jointly taken by civil and medical authorities to prevent pestilence or counter plague commonly did sufferers precious little good, and often made bad worse.

Indeed, Watts argues, such policies were often actually intended to be punitive, as priests and physicians would hold natives or paupers responsible for irringing disease about im therbist-place. The present aim present. authorities often regarded the diseased as more threatening than the diseases, and epidemics frequently triggered victim-

blaming and oppression. Thus Europe's first pogroms against the Jews were launched to assuage God's wrath at the height of the Black Death. Later on, doling out smallpox-infected blankets to native Indians, North American colonists might turn pathogens into weapons of war, while crediting the our-come to "the good hand of God". Based in Cairo and hence immune from automatic Eurocentrism, Watts is as sceptical of the medical profession as of the governments and business interests they ultimately served. His case carries much conviction.

Yet Epidemics and History also suffers from overkill, because Watts cannot resist the itch to pass sentence upon the dead. Physicians are scolded if they intervened ineptly for example by setting up leper colonies, when they had no effective treatments. But they

Roy Porter

EPIDEMICS AND HISTORY Disease, Power and Imperialism By Sheldon Watts Yale, £29.95 ISBN 0300070152

are equally censured inaction

Whatever doctors did was wrong, seems to be Watts's cynical line — a judgment which follows from his conviction that the medical profession blindly clung to worthless "flat-earth false knowledge". Thus the Victorian John Snow, the first to demonstrate how cholera is communicated via contaminated water, gets a rap over the knuckles, since he neglected to peer down a microscope and so failed to discover the cholera becillus. The verdict is anachronistic

and preachy.

The upshot is a kind of history-by-hindsight which ironically echoes the moral superiority of the imperialists here so scathingly denounced. Nevertheless, Watts's urge to affix blame springs from a generous rage on behalf of humanity, and this trenchant dote to world health compla-

Roy Porter's latest book, The Greatest Benefit to Mankind: A Medical History, is published by

Wild men of the city who had to pick a pocket or two

ing subjects in the Universe," Brigid celebrated generalisation, "are sex and the 18th century." [don't quarrel about the period, but a decent case could be made for deleting sex and inserting crime.

Criminal biography was already established as a genre by the middle 1600s. Indeed, it afforded a lucrative if unusual perk for the chaplain of Newgate Prison, who enjoyed the sole right to publish the dying speeches and lives of those of his charges whom the hangman "turned off" on Tyburn Tree. Grub Street hacks also got in on the act. The most successful of them was the selfstyled "Captain" Alexander Smith, whose Complete History of the Lives and Robberies of the Most Notorious Highwayman appeared in 1713 and

THE THIEVES' **OPERA** The Remarkable Lives of Jonathan Wild. Thief-Taker and Jack Sheppard, House-Breaker By Lucy Moore Vlking, £20 ISBN 0670872156

quickly went through five

Although Viking has allowed her more than 30 handsome illustrations, mostly engravings by Hogarth. I rather doubt whether Lucy Moore will ring the bell quite as loudly as that. She tells the stories of two notorious criminals hanged at Tyburn in the 1720s. Jonathan Wild, a Staffordshire man, pimp and racketeer, ran London's largest criminal network. He did so behind the bold front of a "thief-taker". In 1720 he was consulted by the Privy Council on how to deal with the capital's rising crime rate; the Prince and Princess of Wales also sought his advice about a gold watch which had been stolen from one of their

A master of high-octane humbug, he had no need of Ian McIntyre returns to Defoe in a quest for true

18th-century London

paragraph described a rob-bery at a house in Bridgewater Square one Sunday: "Jona-than Wild was consulted that evening, but he, good mant was pleased to tell those that applied to him, that he did no business on the Lord's Day." Mr Michael Cole, that suave guardian of the Vestal flame at Harrods, could not have put it

Lucy Moore's second subject is Jack Sheppard, who

started out by working "the buttock and file" — robbing men lured by prostitutes into unlit alleyways. He later specialised in housebreaking, and became famous for a number of Houdini-like escapes from prison. He was hanged in 1724, and his "dying speech" may well have been ghosted by Defoe.

Why attempt yet again something that has already



Moore: sidetracks over ground already well-covered

which I could explore and discuss aspects of the society in

which they lived — its rituals and mores as well as the dayto-day details of living and surviving." She attempts this in a series of what are termed "digressions" on such topics as hanging and prison life. There were moments when I feit over-whelmed by the volume of information that was being

one of my heroines, but I am resistant to any impression that I am being addressed schoolmarmishly.

The writing is not free of received opinion: "In 18thcentury Europe, London was the apogee of sophistication and fashionable life." But if that were so, French costumieres would hardly have sent over little dolls dressed in the style of the year;

nor would there have been such a ready sale for publica-tions like The Ladies' Toilet, a

translation of a Paris manual

describing the 45 ways of

dressing a lady's hair.

thrust at me: Jean Brodie is

There are occasional obscurities. The upper classes, we are told, "lived within a cordon sanitaire of political dogma and self-appeasing paternal-ism". And contradictions. The impersonal nature of living in a large city." Moore writes. "combined with the transience of much of the population, prevented the creation of a sense of communal feeling." The publisher's blurb, however, maintains that 18th-century London "was a city more intimate and communal than its modernday counterpart". Nor is the text free of topographical slips - the churchyard of St Martin-in-the-Fields was not at the foot of Drury Lane but where the National Gallery now

stands. For anyone eager to visit in imagination the gin-shops and brothels and flash-houses of London in the 1720s, when Jonathan Wild rode out on his shady assignments "stuck round with pistols, as thick as an orange with cloves", Daniel Defoe remains the preferred

In clear sight

IT IS not surprising that both this year and last the Portuguese novelist José Saramago, whose latest novel, Blindness, has just been published (Harvill, £14.99; ISBN 186046 298 7) was a favourite to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. He writes a prose of particularly luminous intensity, brilliantly rendered into English by his regular translator Giovanni Pontiero.

The themes he chooses are sweepingly ambitious — passionate parables of a contemporary society which he perceives as poised on the edge of breakdown. The works which made his reputation in the English-speaking world — The Year of the Death of Ricardo Reis, The History of the Siege of Lisbon, The Stone Raft — recall Garcia Marquez for their epic reach and Primo Levi for their insight into the fragility of human nature

under adversity. In Blindness, a man going about his everyday life is struck suddenly and inexplicably blind. Blindness spreads like a contagion through the city, panic sets in. The afflicted are incarcerated in an abandoned asylum; their families are quarantined; as the epidemic spreads unchecked, the city's organisation reveals its pitiful inadequacy to the task of maintaining order.

horts Saramago's epigram. Yet the searing account of life in the asylum so painfully mirrors the testimonies of

those incarcerated in the Nazi death camps that at points I found Blindness almost intolerable. Like the atrocities committed more recently in the name of order and national safety in Bosnia, such sheer mindless inhumanity towards the unfortunate carries its moral message incised on its forehead. In the end, though, I am not alone, I feel sure, in finding it hard to see beyond the gripping symbolism of horror to take comfort in the

LISA JARDINE



The dangers of venereal disease; from Plague, Pox and Pestilence, Ed. Kenneth F. Kipple (Weidenfeld, £25)

Artist of the floating world

The Japanese narrator of this extraordinary fictional memoir, Sayuti Nitta, was once one of Japan's most celebrated geishas. Sold at the age of nine by her poor fisherman father in 1930, Nitta was sent to the famous geisha district of Gion in the southern city of Kyoto, where she was thrown uncomprehending into the world of oppression, harsh discipline and competitive beauty. With the help of her wits, her elegance, her unusual blue grey eyes, and a great deal of luck. Nitta sur-vived the fierce rivalries with-

ly rose to become one of Japan's greatest ladies of the night, singing, dancing and entertaining the highest ranks In 1956, she escaped the rigid controls and the restrain-

in her own geisha house, lived

through the war and eventual-

Joanna Pitman

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA By Arthur Golden Chatto & Windus, 19.99 ISBN 0701166746

ing nets of debt and honour of the geisha lifestyle and went to live in New York, supported by her male patron. There she created a unique salon of Japanese elegance and etiquette in her apartment in the Waldorf Towers, singing, dancing and entertaining visiting Japanese clients. And it was there, shortly before she died in 1996, that she decided to break the geisha's proud-code of silence and tell the

intimate tale of her life. That the story is fictional matters not. From the very

entrancing story transports the reader into one of Japan's most secretive and intriguing realms of power, laying bare its extreme cruelties, its beauty, its despair and its crotic pleasures. Arthur Golden is a gentle and beautiful writer and a true original. With his powerful and fecund imagination, he has given Nitta a voice that is both innocent and seductive, leaving her to unravel her own erotic psychology in a tale that is as delicately drawn as an exquisite Utamaro wood block print.

And Golden's eye for aesthetic

detail gives us a wonderfully

vivid picture of the highly

stylised geisha life in Gion in

the 1920s and 1930s. He draws our attention to wooden geta shoeprints on fresh snow, vivid splashes of colour and symbolic design on rapidly vanishing world.

kimonos, carmine lips on white face paint, the creation of the fabulous geisha hairstyles. And throughout we are given an understanding of the painful gap between the geisha's "public persona" and the "real self", the unhappiness and the bitter fights for prominence in this world of extreme rivalnies.

Meticulous research has been done into a world carefully and deliberately hidden from the prying eyes of outsiders. If you visit Gion today you might be lucky enough to see a geisha in full kimono regalia on her way to a party. But there are fewer and fewer willing to put up with the rigours and restrictions of geisha life. And none of them will tell their story if they are true geisha. This is an epic tale and a beautiful evocation of a

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his, and he responds to her caress with

a faint smile. She is the giver and protector, he the wary recipient. They

Justus Bergman was born of a

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est enthusiasm was for the recently

photographing his exquisite blue-eyed

daughter became an obsession. Small

wonder, then, that when in later years

Ingrid was asked why she had chosen

to be an actress, she replied: "I didn't

But her beloved father died when

she was in her early teens; at age 18,

Bergman succeeded in entering Swe-

den's prestigious Royal Dramatic

Theatre School. "She has too much the

appearance of a country girl, but is

very natural, and is a type that doesn't

need makeup on her face or her mind," was noted on her entry form.

The young dentist who was to become her first husband, Petter

Lindström, proved to be a rigid and

dominant partner; soon after their

marriage, he assumed the role of

guardian and professional counsellor.

Ingrid soon found herself capitulating

to all his demands. She was torn

between the desire to commit herself

to a controlling male partner, and so to feel herself protected, and the

equally burning need, as an intelligent

and gifted woman, to have the

freedom to be able to express her own

the birth of her daughter, Pia, a film

was released that was to bring

Bergman to the attention of the

Hollywood impresario David Selz-

nick. Only two days after Pla's birth,

Bergman received an emmissary from

Selznick in her hospital room, and,

with Petter there to vet every detail, a

contract was drawn for her to make

the American version of her Swedish

success, Intermezzo. "Sweden seemed"

so small ... I felt I had to get to a

bigger country . . . but I was scared to

death Hollywood wouldn't like me."

Despite her misgivings, Bergman's

performance immediately won her

recognition as a major screen

tephen Jay Gould be-

while an acknowledged expert

in his field, is concerned more

to communicate discoveries

than to make them. Gould's

overwhelming desire is to use

science to cast light on our condition — not the human

condition only, but the condi-

tion of late-20th-century man.

In Questioning the Millenni-

um he considers just what it

means to describe ourselves in

such a way. Why count time in weeks and years? Why orga-

nise arithmetic around the

number ten? Why attach such

importance to centuries? And why get so worked up about

the year that we call the

millennium, when we don't even know whether we are

counting correctly? The result

is a slight and somewhat

bemused survey of the human

facts which make three

noughts into a symbol of

John the Divine, who tells us

in Revelation that he "saw an

angel come down from heaven

... And he laid hold on ...

Satan, and bound him a

thousand years ... And when

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any of Ingrid Bergman's Claire Bloom remembers Ingrid most outstanding screen roles were those of women; the masochistic barmaid in Bergman and admires a sensitive Jekyll and Hyde, the double agent account of her turbulent life forced to marry a man she despises in Notorious, the brainwashed wife in Gaslight. Although her off-screen persona appeared to project an aura of joyous expectation, the deeper truth,



Her first director: the young Ingrid Bergman posed with her father

By Donald Spoto

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The triumphant years in Hollywood are splendidly recounted by Donald Spoto; Bergman worked with film's finest directors and played opposite many of the great leading men of her time. But the real fascination of this engrossing biography dates from the time when the glitter had worn off, and Bergman was eagerly seeking a fresher and less pre-

dictable form of selfexpression: For when she was only into her thirties, and after an amazing list of dazzling performances, Ingrid had begun to

be offered only run-of-the mill screen roles. Disenchanted with the limited possibilities that seemed open to her and trapped in a loveless marriage, Bergman's entire world was to be revolutionised when she attended a viewing of Roberto Rossellini's jagged masterpiece, Rome Open City. She wrote to Rossellini, expressing her great interest in his work: he responded by offering to create a role for her in a film to be named Stromboli. Bergman agreed, and the scene was set for a passionate love affair.

The filming of Stromboli was, as Spoto so well relates, by all accounts a nightmare; but throughout the turmoil, Ingrid never lost her patience or her enthusiasm for the project. Unfortunately, the resulting film was disappointing: but by then, back in Hollywood, all hell had broken loose. Ingrid wrote a touching letter to her husband telling him

their marriage was NOTORIQUS... immediately alcrted. broke out. Bergman was denounced for immorality by the Roman Catholic church, publicly con-

> Stromboli was banned in most Ameri-Bergman was falling as firmly under Rossellini's influence as she had been under Lindström's. At Roberto's jealous insistence, Ingrid worked only on Rossellini films, and none of them was to succeed either financially or artistically. The couple were constantly in debt. Attacks in the press continued; few voices were

raised in her support, but one of those

demned in the United States Senate;

was that of Cary Grant: "Dearest Ingrid," he wired, "It would not be possible in a single telegram to tell you of all your friends who send you love and affection." In 1956, Bergman returned to the

theatre in a French production of Robert Anderson's play, Tea and Sympathy. She began to reclaim her life and career: the price of this was to be her marriage to Rossellini, whose own career was now in shambles. In 1956 the American public deigned to forget and forgive; Bergman returned to appear in the film of Anastasia, one of her most successful roles.

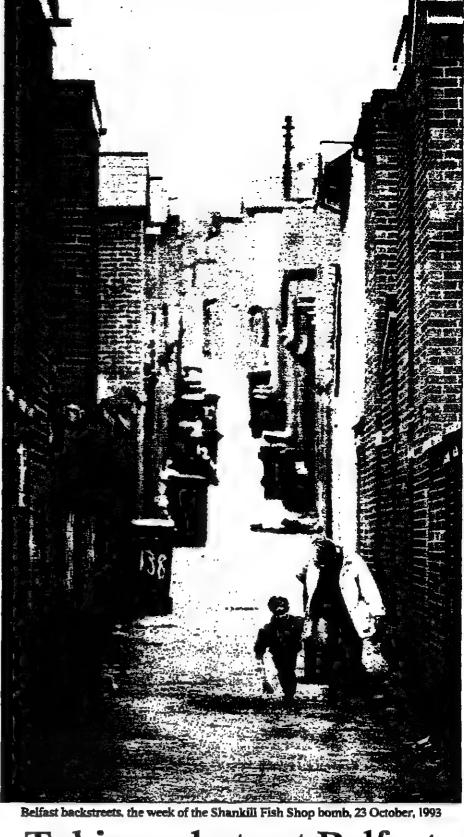
With the release of this 51m, for which she won yet another Academy Award, it was time for her to be - in Spota's words - "restored to elory"

in the early 1960s. Bergman decided to return again to the theatre, which had always been her greatest solace, That she was able to do this smoothly was in part due to her relationship with the Swedish producer Lars Schmidt, whom she was later to marry. He had arranged for her to return to Stockholm in a highly-regarded production of Ibsen's Heddo Gabler. Other thearre projects fol-lowed in London and New York. Pia, now a young woman, was able to approach her mother once again, and together they found a new relationship. Her children with Rossellini were also near by, and ingrid's life appeared to have recovered from the stress and misery of her middle years.

1977, she returned to the screen in Ingmar Bergman's Autumn Sonata, which was, in my opinion, by far her greatest screen performance. But the cancer which had first struck her in the 1960s could not be kept at bay, though she continued to work and refused to complain. In Golda Meir, the most unlikely role imaginable for the tall still beautiful Swede - and her final role — she managed to bring to life this indomitable Jewish woman.

Retiring to live quietly in a flat facing the river in London, Bergman, now generally known to be ill, became a much loved citizen of this great city. I recall seeing her, sitting straight and cycling fast and well, riding by on the Embankment. She looked wonderful; only the close fitting woollen cap she wore hinting that she was still in the clutches of chemotherapy. And again, when I was playing in Ibsen's Rosmersholm, at the Haymarket Theatre in 1978, Miss Bergman climbed a considerable flight of stairs to my dressing room to congratulate me on my performance — and I was an actress whom she scarcely knew. 1 remember so clearly her radiant, effortless beauty.

Although they were now divorced, he having left her for another woman, Lars Schmidt was devoted and loyal to the end. Together they paid a visit to Stockholm and then Bergman asked to be taken to the Swedish island that had been their home and where she had always found herself so much at peace. There Ingrid Bergman died on the evening of her 67th birthday. Spoto tenderly describes her last day. All her children had telephoned and she was able to speak to each of them. "There, you see, I have made it through another year."



Taking a byte at Belfast

THIS is Ciaran Carson's Book of Belfast, as elaborate and coiled as any Book of Kells, except its decoration is contained not in the embellishment of capital letters and margins, but in the passion-ate, controlled twisting and eddying of the text. The heartfelt design is in the sentences

themselves. There's linguistic case here, the susurrus and seduction of words and the confidence of a great music-maker, as if the listeners were already there and indeed the book begins with a descripton of the young Carson listening to his father telling a story through the door of "the library" (the jacks by any other name, whither Carson has followed him, so as not to miss a stitch of the tale. To describe, to speak under the focus of love and mutability is everything.

Here and there he merges or slips into a pedantry that doesn't have the blade of a Borges in it. It's a book, also, surprisingly without much to move you. Its pleasures are otherwise — artfulness dancing as much as it can just this side of artifice, the vigour of strange necessities. "I load myself with chains and try to get out of them," as the poe

Austin Clarke wrote of his own method. There's a sense throughout of the book being written under your very eyes, it is that immediate. The reader sits in the writer's chair, as it were. Or at least the teller is very composition are supplied (finished in April of this year) and throughout he is actively looking up references, checking this and that, or registering that the evidence is temporarily unavailable elsewhere. And it is very much, surprisingly, a work dependent on the nature of the personal computer rather than Carson's discarded Imperial typewriter - patches of matter growing and spreading like lichen over the empty spaces

Sebastian Barry

THE STAR FACTORY By Ciaran Carson Granta, £13.99 ISBN 186207 072 5

How ancient, you think, almost prehuman, the PC is in mysterious human brain in its floatingness. So The Star Factory, radiating from its decentralised centres like benign viruses, is both a paean to and a prose poem of the PC. and as such is an exemplar of the famous Carson "method" - to let the language leak from thimble to thimble, to find accidents and rightnesses to link his chosen buoys and points and patterns convincingly. A temporal text and as such a kind of hostage to

Streets and their maps in the classic Carson style, photographs minutely described and set against each other. memories of school, fetishistically retrieved childhood objects, items re-seen so fervently you feel sometimes that you are from Mars, stories of his father, extracts from other Belfast books, night thoughts, confidences about his artistic methods, all rumbling and connecting in what can only be described as a sort of patient maelstrom.

There are many dangers and risks in this procedure and a huge level of energy and focus is needed in the writing. because the level of diffusion is in itself enormous. The scatter of subject is continuous and the book is breaking up underneath your gaze the whole time, even as he seeks to unify and coalesce with further matter. Chaos theory comes forcibly to mind, those attractive but vaguely menacing spirals that computers illustrate so beautifully, so dishearteningly. And therein perhaps lies the riskiness that the publisher mentions on the book's

But the purpose of the book is kept admirably constant, to make a kind of spinning, turning city of the mind: Carson City, in fact. A text as a sort of smoking gun. An idiosyncratic, strange, mazy book to challenge notions of structural decorum, and offering the steps to a dance that, though wild enough, is in the

Topped with hundreds and thousands

Roger Scruton

OUESTIONING THE MILLENNIUM By Stephen Jay Goold Cape, £12.99 ISBN 0 224 04389 7

the thousand years expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison ... "St John's emphasis on the thousand year period arises in the context of a peculiar religious belief: the belief in sudden and catastrophic interventions from on high. His particular prophetic utterance was the first of many. After the lapse of a thousand years, we have been repeatedly told, God's purpose The nonsense began with St will be suddenly revealed, fulfilled, or may be tragically thwarted. And since we don't know when to count from, such prophecies can never be refuted, but only compulsively

accepted and acted upon - usually with terrible results. Many studies have been made of "millenarianism". and the cults which sprang from it in the Middle Ages, Norman Cohn's Pursuit of the Millennium being perhaps the most famous. Gould passes a quick eye over this fascinating material, looking with abstract compassion on the fools who have imagined the world to be constructed according to the arbitrary principles of their own ways of counting. Oddly, however, he does not explore the psychological heart of millenarianism, which is the "catastrophe theory of history: the theory which holds that the final release and redemption of man comes about only through the violent destruction of his own efforts to achieve it. The most recent, and also most influential, version of this theory was put



Gould: reluctant sceptic

forward not as a religion but as a science - by Karl Marx. And when you study the spirit in which this "science" was put forward, and the unscrupulous case that was made for it. you will, I think, be more

passion. And the same ought to be true, to my way of thinking, of the medieval cults which destroyed so many in-nocent lives and left no spiritual, moral or artistic legacy Still, Gould is more interest-

ed in the theory of calendars

and the human fastination

with zeros. The rest of his short agreeable asides, from which you can learn much about the ancient, modern, Jewish and Islamic calendars, and about Dionysius Exiguus, who established the Christian system of dating in terms of AD and BC, and who made a total continue to the end of the book, which only then do you realise is not about the millennium at all, but about the non-exis-tence of millenniums. The author's mild and sentimental tone of voice neutralises any sceptical conclusions, and of fers no heartening support to those of us who loathe the millennium and all that it stands for, and who loathe nothing more than the Disneyland version of humanity that is being manufactured

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Vanishing trick from the lady in red friends, Cloe and Charles, to Cloe is in possession of her **Jason Cowley** the Vermeer exhibition in the

READING the first few pages of the new novel by John Bayley is like watching the performance of an inept ventriloquist: no matter how hard he tries he cannot disguise the movement of his lips. For what Bayley does here, boldly for a writer entering the long twilight of his career, is attempt to speak naturally in the

voice of a young woman. His narrator's name is Nancy Deverell and she is streetsmart, capricious, a little reckless. But, at times, she doesn't really sound like a and critic, Bayley remains an The engaging plot concerns woman at all; she sounds like apprentice novelist. Once he a visit by Nancy and her

... well, Bayley. She shares his baffled wonder at modernity, his fogeyish politics and reactionary real.

Her favourite insult is. touchingly, to call someone "naff", and she repeatedly pokes fun at the pretensions of modern artists, at feminists: and, for one who is so young. the also seems unusually preoccupied with political correct-

Yet all this is no more than opening-night nerves - for all his eminence as an academic THE RED HAT

By John Bayley Duckworth, £15.99

role, as it were, The Red Hat is not a bad novel at all. It poses interesting questions as to whether we can ever truly know other people - or indeed, after Freud, ourselves.

settles down, relaxes into his

Hague. Nancy, strikingly resembling the artist's portrait of The Girl with the Red Hat, quickly becomes entangled in a net of duplicity and mistaken identity about which she writes with breathy excitement. The first part of the

book ends with her disappearsponsibility then passes to Roland, a dilettante and failed writer whom Cloe instructs to find Nancy, now thought to be

friend's account of their stay in the Hague, but denounces it as ridiculous and "unreliable". Roland shares her scepticism until he eventually catches up with Nancy in France, and is then gripped by an existential All this is diverting enough.

But you leave it thinking that The Red Hat is a novel from which a darker, more complex metaphysical quest narrative. turning on questions of selfdeception, solipsism and sexual dislocation, is struggling to

The baton of narrative reliving somewhere in Provence. get out.

Applicant creditors cannot obtain advantage

Before Mr Justice Harman [Judgment November 5]

The court had reached a clear onclusion that there was no power in the Insolvency Act 1986 Which it ought to use to enable applicant creditors to obtain an advantage over others of their

Mr Justice Harman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chan-cery Division when dismissing an ordinary application brought by Louis David Holloway and Geof-frey John Minchell, creditors of Buckingham International pic. who sought an order, inter alia:

That in the event of a winding up order being made on the petition presented to this court herein on May 21, 1996 the rights conferred on the liquidator of the company by section 183(I) lof the 1986 Act] in respect of writs of garnishment obtained in the State of Florida, in the United States of America, he set aside in favour of the applicants pursuant to section 183(2)(c) and/or that the applicants be at liberty to retain the fruits and/or benefit of the said writs of garnishment notwithstanding the

In September 1986 those cred-tors had sold their shares in a business to Leisure Time Inter-national plc which in July 1989 International plc. Completion was due in February 1988 but the chase price was disputed Buckingham which started proceedings against them.

The trial took place in the summer of 1996 and in July Mr

£3.6 million. The money was not paid and in April 1995 the banks appointed administrative receivers

Mr Eben Hamilton, QC and Mr Robin Hollington for the applicant creditors: Mr Gabriel Moss, QC and Mr William Trower for the ent liquid:

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that Mr Holloway and Mr Mitchell were unchallengeable judgment creditors of Buckingham. However, Buckingham was under the control of administrative

receivers whose duties were to pay first, debts secured by fixed charges; second, to pay preferen-tial creditors and third, to pay the remaining debts secured by floating charges. Only after those claims had been satisfied would there be assets available for other creditors, whether judgment creditors or not.

that assets of Buckingham in-cluded debts due in the United States of America and obtained an order in Florida recognising the English judgment as creating a judgment debt. Thereupon they issued seven writs of garnishment in respect of seven subsidiaries of Buckingham to the paren

As a transquence up retition in presented a winding up petition in May 1996 and an application for the appointment of provisional liquidators. Mr Justice Knox made that order and also ordered the provisional liquidators to apply in the appropriate court in America for orders pursuant to section 304 of the United States Bankruptsy

in May 1996 the provisional liquidators filed a petition in the

judgment creditors under section 304 of the Code from enforcing in the United States of America the English judgment which they held. The petition was acceded to subject to an application being made to the English High Court, which was seised of the winding

up proceedings of the company, for determination whether as a matter of English law the court would permit the judgment creditors to proceed to enforce the debt.

In June 1996 the ordinary application was issued which sought an order that "the rights conferred on the liquidator ... by section 183(1) ... he set aside in favour of the applicants pursuant to section 183(2(c) ... "In July 1996 the usual compulsory order was made winding up Buckingham and the provisional liquidators were now the liquidators.

The form of relief seemed to be expressly confer rights on liq-uidators as suggested by the form of the ordinary application but referred to a creditor who "has issued execution ... has attached any debt" although it gave rise to a benefit to liquidators.

The words in subsection (1) were plainly directed to enforcement procedures in English courts. They did not seem to be intended to affect processes in foreign jurisdic-tions. The words seemed simply to express the obvious conclusion of

referred to section 183(2)(c) which provided that "the rights conferred ... on the liquidator may be set side by the court in favour of the creditor to such extent ... as the

The provision gave no guidance of any sort to the judge as to what

count in considering whether he thinks fir to "set aside rights". subsection seemed to be unheight but had stood for a long time on the

That point was taken by Mr. Justice Blackburne who had de-cided that the court had no power under section 183 to give dis about enforcement under foreign laws in foreign jurisdictions.

The Court of Appeal, for reasons which did not seem to be very clearly thought through, allowed the judgment creditors' appeal in larmary 1997. His Lordship got most help from Lord Justice Millerts budgment. Millett's judgmer

The court held that since the United States court had deferred to the English court and considered, plainly rightly, that decisions on English law applying to an English winding up would be better made by an English court, it was wrong to reject the ordinary application altogether.

His Lordship accepted the thrust of the Court of Appeal's view and considered that the most appropriate foundation for the application of the many powers given to tion of the many powers given to the court by the 1986 Act was that conferred by section 168(5) which provided that "... the court may confirm reverse or modify the act complained of and make such order ... as it thinks fit.

In order to consider what exercise the court should make of its powers to "order ... as it thinks fit", if section 168(5) was the proper origin of the jurisdiction, or, if the application was truly pursuant to section 167(3) so that the court was must arise

founded upon section 183(2)(c) an almost identical issue fell in The throat of the decision had to

be based on doing justice in the sense of holding an even balance between the interests of the judgment creditors on the one hand and the interest, not of the liquidators but of the class whom the liquidators represented, that was, all the other unescened creditors of the company in liquidation on the other hand.

If the judgment creditors were able to proceed with their writs of garnishment they would obtain payment of unsecured, aithough judgment debt or at least a large

The assets available to the inquidators would be largely re-duced and the dividend payable in the liquidation to the other un-secured creditors would be re-

reditors and confines of the same between creditors of any class and the members of the company. His Lordship had already an-

nounced that he proposed to dismiss the ordinary application and the reason was saved above. The law on the position of creditors was decisively set out by Lord Brightman in Roberts Petroleum Ltd v Bernard Kenny Ltd Moss submitted that the statutory whose submitted that the standard scheme of part pages distribution among all creditors of the same class at the date of the liquidation was the overriding principle. His Lordship accepted that submission

overridden under section 183(2)(c) then In re Caribbean Products

(Yam Importers) Ltd (1966) Ch 331) fell to be considered. Lord Justice Russell said (at p351) he found it difficult to imagine any circum-stances in which the court's disproperly teached.

In re Vron Colliery Co (1882) ChD.442); In re Grossenor Metal Co Ltd (1980) Ch 63) were of no guidance and in In re Suidair International Airways Ltd (1981) Ch 165) the facts were wholly unlike say facts alleged on the instant application.

Finally, there was the question of exercise of the jurisdiction under section 168(5) of the 1986 Ast. It was clear and well settled law that the court would only intervene to overset a liquidator's decision in rare cases: see Leon v York-O-Matic ([1966] 1 WLR 1450).

The Court of Appeal had held in In re Edwardte Ltd [[1996] 2 BCLC 389, 394) held that in the absence of frautel, bad faith or an act so utterly would have done it, the court

There was no allegation in the instant case that the liquidators were so acting in applying to the United States Federal Court for the restraining orders on the comple-tion of the garnishment in Florida. the argument that the liq-uidators' actions were manifestly unreasonable would be wholl unsupportable if it were advanced

which it had not been. On the contrary, it was obvious that the inquidators were acting pursuant to a specific power expressly conferred upon them by Mr Justice Knox, a very careful judge, and were acting in defence of the proper interest of the whole

Solicitors: Comptons: Cliffo

Building to edge of right of way

Grown and Another v Minor Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas Dudgment October 24

There was nothing in general to restrict a property owner from building right up to the edge of a right of way. The owner of the right of way was restricted in his user of the way to the exact width of the right of way.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defen-dants, Peter and Janet Groves, from a decision of Judge Perrett, OC, in Telford County Court on bruary 2, 1996 giving judgment the plaintiff, Derek Minor, faring that the plaintiff w entitled to a right of way over the whole width of Aliscott, near Wellington, Shropshire, and ordering the defendants to demolish a storm porch erected on a concrete step running along the side of their house.

Mr Anthony Radevsky for the defendants: Mr Peter Goatley for

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said Mr Minor owned No 11 Allscott, a two-up, two-down cottage at the end of a lane just under four metres across. Mr and Mrs Groves owned and occupied Nos 8,

Along the wall of the Groves property was a slightly raised concrete shell about a metre wide. On that Mr and Mrs Groves had erected a storm porch.

The whole area was originally under sole ownership. Mrs Groves had bought No 9 in 1962 and by a bought No 11 and acquired the benefit of the services, rights of way, light, water and drainage, and all other rights and easements with all necessary rights of access and entry as if there had been no severance of ownership.

On the basis of that conveyance Mr Minor had claimed a right of way across the whole width of the lane, including the concrete shelf.
The Groves claimed to own the slab and said the erection of the porch was not an interference with the proper exercise of the right of

There could be no doubt at all that the concrete shelf formed part of the cottages. They must have passed to the Groves when the cottages were conveyed to them between 1957 and 1964. It was impossible to construe the

conveyances as reserving any right of vehicular access over the slabs. The shelf having been conveyed to the Groves before the convey-ance of No 11 to Mr Minor he could ance of No II to Not with the towar not have acquired any rights over the shelf because the vendor could not convey what he did not have. Even had Mr Minor acquired his cottage before the original owner sold No 9, he would not have acquired a right over the shelf.

The width of the track between the wight of the shelf and the wall opposite Nos 8, 9 and 10 was manifestly enough to accommodate vehicles whose passage could have been contem the time the conveyance was made. The occasional technical trespasses caused by permitting part of the side of a vehicle to intrude into the airspace over the slabs did not give rise to a right. The dominant owner was limited in his

user of the way to the exact width of the way. Lord Justice Hirst and Lord tice Swinton Thomas agreed. Solicitors: Haycocks Clark, Telford; Lanyon Bowdler, Telford.

Objective test for whether tenant is in occupation

Ujima Housing Association v

his premises, and the evidence falled to show that he continued to occupy those premises as his only or principal home, he no longer occupied the premises as such, within the meaning of section I(1)

of the Housing Act 1988. The Court of Appeal (Lord Cazalet) so held on October 17 allowing the appeal of Ujima Housing Association against the refusal by Judge Hitching in Bow County Court on December 23. 1996, of its application for an order for possession of Flat B, 13 Elm Road, Forest Gate, London, let to the defendant Ernest Ansah, on an assured tenancy within the ning of section ((1) of the 1988 Acr. An order for possession of the principal residence.

property within 28 days was granted.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that he accepted the submission that the 1988 Act introduced a stricter test for the tenant claiming protection of a statutory assured tenancy, and the Act limited the protection more narrowly.

The evidence showed the defen dant was no longer in physical occupation of the flat. The onus was on him to establish be was still occupying it as his principal home. Whether he did so was not to be determined by his subjective intention or motives, but by an objective assessment of his actions and

The facts, viewed objectively, showed the detendant did not have the intent necessary to preserve his occupation of the flat as his Council. Ex parte N'Dormadingar

Belore Mr Justice Lightman

Judgment October 14 Where a person who had decided to give up his accommodation believing he had good prospects of finding employment and alter-ustive accommodation elsewhere. but had failed to do so, claimed that in making that decision be had been unaware of his prospects and therefore of a relevant fact under 60(3) of the Housing Act 1965, he had to show that at the date he left the accommodation a factual state of affairs existed of which he had been unaware which falsified his predictions before that

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing the application of Bernadette N'Dormadingar for judicial review of the decision of Westminster. City Council that she was in-

subsection would apply.

applicant: Mr Clive Jones for the MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the applicant had given up her rented accommodation in France to seek employment in England. She had made no inquiries as to her employment prospects, other than of friends, nor had she arranged any settled

She was pregnant when she arrived in England, but had not considered the prospects of secur-ing child care provision. She had difficulties in finding a job on

obtained the services of a carer and found employment, However, the give up her job.

The friends with whom the applicant had been living grew restive. The applicant applied to the council for accommodation.

Deficiency of foresight in housing applicant

His Lordship reviewed the re-cent authorities, which did not all speak with one voice, from which he derived, inter alia, the following

tad turners of some relevant had existing at the date she gave up her 2 Whether the applicant had made inquiries into the existence of the act was relevant to her awareness

3 A fact was relevant where, had she been aware of it, the applicant would have taken it into account in deciding to give up accompanied attention.

Whether the made inquirles into the existence of the fact threw light on in relevance. 4 A fact must be sufficiently cir and definite for its existence to be objectively designated.

5 Lack of, or deficiency in, foretight of the future sid not constitute unawareness of an existing fact. To the relevant date of a factual state of affairs which falsified the ap-plicants predictions and of which the applicant was unaware.

Applying those principles, his
Lordship said that the applicant's case, that she had made her decision to become homeless "unaware of the prospects of obtaining England and the prospects of

continuing in employment if child care was lost" lacked the required darity and exactness. In particular, it did not identify of what fact existing at the relevant date she was unewere

There had been no difference identified between the applicant's actual prospects as they were at the ant date and her prospects as she had seen them.

She had encountered two foreseeable obstacles to obtaining employment, but in his Lordship's view that amounted only to events failing to turn out as the applicant Accordingly, section 60,3 was not brought two play and the council were entitled to come their

conclusion that 'she was in-Solicitors: Moss Beachley & Mullern; Mr Colin Wilson,

When ombudsman has to pay costs

Others

Where a person successfully ap-pealed against a decision of the Pensions Drabudsman and be had participated in the appeal to assist the court in the absence of the complainants, the embudsman should be ordered to pay the appellants' costs only to the extent that those had been increased by his participation.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in the Chancery Division on October 31, 1997 when desermining the proper order for costs following the successful appeal by two former trustices applied a decision of the Pensions Ombodsman dated April

HIS LORDSHIP reviewed the relevant authorities and said that it

Elliott and Another v Pen-sions Ombudsman and Oth-Officers the fact alone that an appeal from the ombudsman was necessary and that it resulted in setting aside the relevant part of his determination was not a sufficient ground for ordering him to pay the costs.

An appellant, if he wished to have the determination set aside, had no choice but to appeal. in costs, most of which would be inevitable whether or not the part in the appeal hearing.

In those circumstances, the guiding principle must be to assess the extent to which the appellant's costs had been increased by the ombudsman should pay that increase but otherwise each side,

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Scots Law Report November 20 1997 Outer House

No sex bias in judicial pension disparity sex. The pursuer had not rele vanily averred that discrimination

Inforc Lard Kirlowood

Judgment July 24 The disparity in pension pro-visions between the rate of pension payable on retirement to a Scots sheriff and an English circuit ointed prior to March 31. judge appointed prior to March 31, 1995, did not amount to sex

Lord Kirkwood so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session dismissing an action for decree of declarator by Walter George Stevenson that he was entitled to the same pension pro-visions as those to which circuit

Miss Ann Paton, QC and Mr Archibald MacSporran for the pursuer. Mr Alexander Wylie, QC and Mr Robert McCresdie for the

LORD KIRKWOOD said that the pursuer had been appointed a sheriff at Glasgow and had retired in January 1995. Prior to March 31, 1995, a sheriff in Scotland and a circuit judge in England received the same salary but there had been a marked disparity in the respective pension provisions.

While a sheriff had not nerve 20 years before he would receive 20 years before he would receive his full pension, a circuit judge

Refere Lord Nizmoo Smith

Where an employee sought damages for alleged breach of regula-tion 7 of the Courtoi of Substances

Hazardous to Health Regulations

(ST 1988 No 1657) it was un-necessary for him to establish what the defenders ought to have

done to comply with that duty and

It was for the defenders to prove

what steps were carried out in

order to comply with their statu-

tory duty so far as was reasonably

Lord Nammo Smith so held in

the Outer House of the Court of

Session when allowing Miss Karen Bilton allowing a proof

before answer in an action of

reparation brought by her against Pastnet Highlands Lad,

Mr Paul Davies for the pursuer, Miss Lesley Shand for the

LORD NIMMO SMITH said that the pursuer averred that the had been employed by the defend-

ers as a fish processor at a prawn-factory. She was required to carry out the grading, sorting and pack-

(Judgment July 22)

their failure to do so.

would receive a full pension after 15 years.

When the pursuer retired, he became entitled to a pension amounting to 12/40ths of his amounting to all retuit judge who had retired at the same time would have been entitled to a pension amounting to 17/40ths of his last amounting to 17/40ths of his last amounting to 17/40ths of his last annual salary. That disparity had been brought to an ead by the Judicial Pensions and Retrespont Act 1993 for all sheriffs and circuit judger appointed after March 31, 1995.

The pursuer averred that holders of the office of sheriff and holders of the office of circuit judge performed equal work wi meaning of article 119 of the EC Treaty. He further averted that a number of circuit judges at any given time since 1977 had been female and that the majority of shedills had been male.

He sought to draw a comparison between himself, as a male sheriff, and a semale circuit judge and averred that he received a less favourable pension entitlement than the latter. In those circumstances he claimed, under reference to article 119 that he had been unlairly sexually discrimi-nated against.

It was accepted by both parties that from January 1963 until

Defenders to prove compliance

As a result of exposure to espirable prawn protein, she

developed occupational asthma.

which condition was further exec-

erbated by exposure to sodium metabisulphite and, sulphur di-oride which was produced from the solution in water of sodium

She went on to aver that sodium

and respirable prawn protein were nubmanoes which want barardons

to health in terms of the 1988

The defenders argued that the pursuer had not simply so ever facts and circumstances which

that regulation, but had also to aver what measures the defenders

should have taken, but failed to

take, to comply with it.
However, in Nimmo v Alexander Cowan & Sons Ltd (1967 SC (HL) 79), the House of Lords had held that it was sufficient for the

purposes of a case under section 29(i) of the Factories Act 1961 for

the pursuer to aver that a place at

which he had to work was not

It was not necessary for him to

made and kept safe for him.

were in breach of regulation 7.

etabisulphite, sulphur dioxide

lations and that the defenders

dly constituted a breach of

metabisulphite.

dipped in a solution contra sodium metabisulphite.

January 1995, while there had been male and female circuit judges, sheriffs

In his Lordship's opinion, in the particular circumstances, that comparison did not make it pose to draw an inference that the discrimination was based on sex. All sheriffs appointed before March 1993, whether male or female, were entitled, on the assumption that they had served for the same period, to a higher

pension.

Accordingly, while it was averred that in the case of appointments made prior to March 31, 1993 sheriffs had been discriminated against compared to circuit judges in relation to the level of pensions to which they were entitled, it was conceded that that discrimination applied entitles in the control of the co mation applied equally to

male and female shoriff.
Further, all circuit judges, whether male or female, received a higher level of pension than a sheriff who had been appointed prior to March 31, 1991.

It appeared from the pursuer's own averments that, so far as pension levels were concerned, the discrimination against sheriffs and in favour of circuit judges

ably practicable to make and keep it safe. It was for the defenders to

aver, and the onus was on them to

prove that they had made the working place safe so far as was reasonably practicable.

In his Lordship's opinion, the

pursuer in the present case did not

require to do more than aver, as

she had done, that she had

suffered injury as the result of exposure to certain substances in

the course of her employment, that

those were substances failing within the ambit of the 1988

Regulations, and that her injury had been caused by the defenders' breach of the duner incombent

upon them in serms of the

Regulation 7(I) was comparable with the provisions of section 29(I)

in that it imposed an absolute duty, subject to the defence of reasonable

It was not for the pursuer to aver what the desired should have

done to comply with the require-ments of the regulations, and that they did not do that, but for the

defenders to aver what they had done and that that had been

sufficient to comply with the

regulations.

regulations.

The second secon

(n relation to pension provisions was based on sex and the action fell to be disminued. His Lordship went on to consider whether a sheriff could properly be regarded as a "worker". It was agreed that article 119 only applied to workers.

It was agreed that a sheriff was the holder of an office, but the parties were in dispute as to whether or not a sheriff, in order to come within the definition of vorker", had also to be in Article 119 defined "pay" as meaning the consideration which the worker received in respect of

his employment from his em-ployer: see Lawrie-Blum v Land Baden-Wurttemberg (Case 66/85) [1986] ECR 2121]. The term worker in article 48 had to be interpreted broadly. Directive No 75/117/EEC (OJ 1975 L45/19) contained repeated references to "employer", "employees" and "employment" and the preamble referred to "facilitating the practical application of the principle of equality in such a way that all employees in the Community can be protected in these munity can be protected in these His Lordship would have held that the pursuer could not be a worker unless he established he was in an employment relation-ship as that term was defined in

paragraph 17 of the judgment in Lawrie-Blum. It was common ground that a sheriff was the holder of an office. However, it did not necessarily follow that the holder of an office could not also be employed under a contract of service and had his case been otherwise relevant, the pursucr would have been entitled to an opportunity to prove that he was a

The pursuer had invited his

Lordship to refer to the European Court of Justice the question whether a sheriff was a "worker within the meaning of article 119 and the 1975 Directive. His Lordship was not prepared to do so.

First, while article 177 provided

that the European Court of Justice had jurisdiction to give preliminary rulings concerning the internary rulings concerning the inter-pretation of the Treaty, for the reasons already given, his Lord-ship felt able to give judgment without the need to obtain a ruling. Second, even if his Lordship had felt it necessary to seek a ruling on that issue, he would not have thought it appropriate to seek such a ruling until a proof had taken place and all the relevant facts had been ascertained.

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Police cannot rely on suicide in defence

Police of the Metropolis Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Buxton [Judgment November 10]

Where police authorities were found in breach of a duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent the suicide of a same prisoner in their custody they could not, by invoking the defences of novus actus interveniens and volenti non fit injuria, rely on the deceased's voluntary act to defeat a claim for

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Morritt dissenting. when allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Shella Reeves, as joint administratrix of the estate of Martin Lynch from Judge Sir Frank White, who sitting at the Central Landon County Court had dismissed her claim for damages against the defendant, the Commissioner of Police of the

The judge had found that:
(i) The defendant's police officers owed a particular duty to the deceased, because they knew he was a suicide risk, to take reasonable are to take the beauty of the control o

able care to prevent him taking his life while he was in their custody. (2) The officers had been negligent in failing to close the flap on the door of the cell where he was held, which it might reasonably

opportunity to strangle himself.
(3) Apart from whether the ed's act was novus actus interveniens, there was a causative link between that negligent act and his death, when he took that

upportunity.
In dismissing the plaintif's claim, the judge had upheld the defences of novus actus interveniens, volenti non fit injuria and contributory negligence, and would have upheld a further turpi cause or public policy had it

been necessary to do so. Mr Tim Owen for the plaintiff: Mr Simon Freeland for the

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON rethat the defence of volentl was cialm. Referring to Kirkham v. Chief Constable of Greater Manchester (1990) QB 283), his

bore the factual difference that the deceased there had been of unsound mind, was the subject of close analysis in argument,

There the defence of volenti had holding that the deceased had not been so, it was difficult to see why the claim should not be met with a plea of volenti

Lord Justice Farouharson, agreeing on the question of volens, had rejected the defence of volenti on a second ground: that it was ed relied on was the very act which the duty cast on the defen-dant required him to prevent Although that second ground

could not be spelled out as the ratio of the Kirkham case it was correct and should be followed. His Lordship's reasons for rejecting the defence as inapt here

Farquharson's second ground, that if the police's obligation was to. guard against suicide, that is, to protect Mr Lynch from a deliberate act against his own life, they empted from liability because that deliberate act occurred.

Were it to be the law that the act of suicide by a same person exempted the police from liability one would expect that to be achieved by holding there to be no duty of care in the case of a same

But that was not what the judge It was the existence of that duty, which contemplated the prevendon by the defendant of the very act that was said to constitute the prisoner which set the present case apart from those cases, such as Cutler v United Dairies (1933) 2 KB 2970, where the plaintiff by his own act put himself within the zone of peril which caused the

available no action would ever lie for a suicide in respect of which a The outcome of the Kirkham case. if it were held to uphold the availability of the defence where the deceased was same, depended on distinguishing between those of sound and unsound mind: But the

such distinction, as the judge's do, given the opportunity provided to him by the defendant, It was findings demonstrated.

3 Any such distinction was inconsistent with recognition of the existence of a duty of care, and in any event would in practical terms be difficult or impossible to make. 4 To introduce a criterion of soundness of mind would cause difficulties in terms of evidence.

5 There was a considerable ele-ment of artificiality in applying the traditional statements setting out the elements of the defence in present circumstances: a defen-dant could assert the defence if he could show that the plaintiff as-sumed or consented to his being exposed to the risk the existence of which constituted the defendant's

negligent act.
The risk here was that Mr Lynch might kill himself; but was it realistic to say that by deliberately killing himself he assumed a risk that he might do so? And how did be assume that risk? The only evidence was his actual suicide.

His Lordship rejected, as in-correct in law, the assertion of novus actus interveniens, that the death was caused by the deceased's own act, not by acts or omissions of the officers so as to break the necessary link between their neg-ligence and any damage suffered by him or his represen

In the present context the suicide was not an intervening cause at all, or was not a new act because foresight of its possible occurrence of the reason for placing the defendant under its duty in the

Once that duty was admitted the approach indicated by Lord Justice Oliver in P. Peri (Exportars) Ltd v Camden London Borough Coun-cli [1984] QB 342, 353C in the case of duties to protect the plaintiff from third parties necessarily

On the question of contributory fault his Lordship, having referred to sections 1 and 4 of the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945, said that it was artificial to contend that a defence to liability could rest on the performance by the deceased of the very act that the defendant was under duty to take reasonable steps to prevent. The defence provided by the Act simply did not fit a case

Mr Lynch did what he might

plaintiff's claim. precisely because of that expects On the question of contributory duty towards him found by the judge and unchallenged on the

negligence was inappropriate here and that defence had to fail.

turpi causa was available. That defence failed on a logical ground

similar to that which was fatal to

The case was quite different

from the usual application of exturpi causa: here the alleged

turpitudinous act was the very thing that the defendant had a

duty to try to prevent imposed by a

law of negligence which itself appealed to public conscience or at least public notions of

Referring to the guide to the defence given by Lord Justice Kerr in Euro-Diam Ltd v Bathurst

[1990] 1 QB I, 35C) his Lordship

said that to grant relief here did not

assist or encourage either the deceased or others in his situation

to continue in their disapproved

conduct: and even less was that the

effect of the grant of relief to his

deceased's position encouraged to act on their representatives' behalf:

all that the latter recovered was

their actual loss, and no element of

defences asserted by the defendant

was made out and the appeal should therefore be allowed.

dissenting, accepted the defen-dant's assertion of novus actus

interveniens: that the voluntary, deliberate and informed act of a

plaintiff, or one whom the plaintiff

represented, intended to exploit the situation created by the defendant albeit in breach of duty preduded

a causative link between the breach of duty and the con-sequences of the plaintiff's action. If the law were otherwise then those who failed to take reasonable

care would become insurers for the

deliberate actions of those to whom

would extend the law of negligence

far beyond its proper scope.
I've would dismiss the appeal on

that ground but would also have considered that the delence of

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT,

It followed that none of the

profit or windfall benefit.

the defence of volenti.

negligence his Lordship considered that, if, contrary to his view, the deceased's act had not broken the chain of causation, the damage was sustained parity by the fault, as defined by section 4 of the 1945 Act, of the deceased and parity by His Lordship also rejected the submission that the defence of ex that of the police.

In such circumstances, the Act applied and the court was entitled to such extent as it thought just and equitable. On the facts found here the judge had not erred in his apportionment of 100 per cent contributory negligence by the

On the issue of public policy, his On the issue of public policy, his Lordship would not think it appro-priate to brand as contrary to public policy or offensive to the public conscience an act which Parliament had so recently

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, agreeing with Lord Justice Buxton that the appeal should be allowed. concluded that the defences of novus actus interven and that based on the maxim ex-turpi causa failed.

On the question of contributory

negligence, he agreed with the judge that the definition of fault in section 4 was wide enough to cover the deceased's act here and to entitle the court. If it thought it right, to reduce the damages recoverable to reflect his own responsibility for the loss. Here both the defendant and the

deceased bore a substantial responsibility for the fatal outcome. It would not seem appropriate to attribute all the responsibility to one party or the

Had his Lordship been sitting alone he would have concluded that the responsibility should be shared equally between the deceased and the defendant and that the damages recoverable by the plaintiff should be reduced by 50 DÉT CENT.

However, while adhering to his view on the applicability of the 1945 Act, to achieve conscisus as to the outcome of the appeal, he would conclude that the plaintiffs claim should not be reduced to reflect any fault on the deceased's nart and would allow the appeal. Solicitors: Christian Fisher;

Rotherham's policy was flawed in

erham: Mr Tim Mumford.

to be stated at the outset.

Solicitors: Hickmotts

assault of children THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that as aggravating features of the offences the Attorney-Gen-

Sentencing for indecent

Attorney-General's Reference No 34 of 1997 Regina v Reed Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice

Posts and Mr Justice Butterfield Judgment October 16 Serious acts of indecent assault on young children rightly aroused strong public condemnation and parents were entitled to look to the courts for effective protection. In such cases an immediate custodial sentence was called for both to

The Court of Appeal so stated when (i) granting leave to the Attorney-General to refer to the court as unduly lement, under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, concurrent sentences of 18 for two years imposed by Judge Court on Peter Reed who had pleaded guilty to six counts of indecent assault on three boys aged between six and il; and (ii) substituting a sensence of 15 months immediate imprisonment.

The offender had committed the ilts by touching the genitalia of the boys under their clothing in incidents spanning a period of 2½ years while they were in his charge

is friends of his own children. Mr Nicholas Hilliard, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the Attorney-General; Miss Adele Williams for the

eral had relied on the youth of the taken, their repeated nature over a substantial period and that the ffender had been in a position of trust in relation to the victims.

His Lordship said that it was not a case where the element of trust was as strong as in some cases. nevertheless parents had allowed their children to visit the offender's house and to go out with him on the assumption that he would treat

Miss Williams had submitted that there were exceptional circumstances in the case: that the offender had himself suffered abuse as a child; that his marriage was undergoing difficulties at the time of the offences; that he had voluntarily sought psychiatric

However, those factors were by no means exceptional and were frequently and regularly en-countered in cases of the present kind. There were no exception circumstances which justified suspending the sentence. Even if one in which the suspension could

sentence might well be seen as defensible if viewed from the offender's angle alone but it was obliged to bear in mind that the The public rightly and strongly

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parents of young children were entitled to look to the courts for effective protection. That meant ences imposed on those who had transgressed as seriously as the present offender had to involve a strong punitive element immediate imprisonment was imposed and he was free to continue his ordinary life.

It was necessary to mark the public condemnation of such ofnces by a sentence of immediate nder and to deter others.

If there had been at trial a contest in which liability had been denied and the offender had been convicted the appropriate sentence would have been in the range of 30 months to three years. On a plea of guilty, the court would expect a entence of 18 months to two years mmediate imprisonment to have been imposed.

Bearing in mind and making allowance for the fact that the present case came before the court on an Attorney-General's reference which subjected the offender to the undoubted trauma of facing the semencing process for a second time. the appropriate sentence would be one of 15 months iramediate imprisonment.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Delay relevant in ordering return of abducted child

in re 5 (a Minor) (Child abduction: Delay) Before Mr Justice Wall

Budgment October 16 When exercising its discretion whether or not to order the summary return of a child to the country of habitual residence, the court was entitled to take into account the delay between the wrongful removal and the start of proceedings under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of

Child Abduction 1980. Mr Justice Wall so held in the Family Division in a reserved judgment handed down in chambers but reported with leave on the besis that neither the parties nor the whereabouts of the child should be identified, when refusing to order the summary return of a child under articles 3 and 12 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction 1980. get out in Schedule I to the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985.

Mr Henry Setright for the father; Mr Michael Hostord-Tan-ner for the mother.

MR JUSTICE WALL said that

had married in England before settling in Germany where S was born in 1986. In May 1996, without the lather's knowledge, her mother brought her to England intending to settle here permanently.

They returned to Germany on a three-day visit in September 1996. Meanwhile the father had been awarded custody by the German courts in October 1996 and in June 1997 he started proceedings under article 3 of the 1980 Convention for her summery return.

The mother argued that, as a period of more than 12 months had elanged since the admittedly wrongful removal in May, the court had a discretion under stricte 12 of the 1980 Convention to refuse to order summary return on the ground that the child was settled in the new environment, the brief a return which effectively brought to an end her status as a child who

His Lordship rejected the sub-mission that wrongful removal was a continuing state of affairs i child's status irre tive of what happened to her the parents, both (tallan nationals, subsequently: see in re H (Minors)

S (Minors) (Abduction: Custody rights) (1991) 2 AC 476). The second removal in Septem-

cle 12 exception giving the court discretion did not apply. However, under article 13 the court had a discretion to refuse to order summary return if the child objected and was of sufficient age and maturity for her views to be

each was a separate wrongful

removal and accordingly the arti-

On the facts, S satisfied the resta laid down in In re S (a Minor) (Abduction: Custody rights) [[1993] Fam 242) and had clear and rational reasons for not wishing to return to Germany.

thus been opened, the court could also take into account the father's unexplained delay in starting contrary to the whole philosophy of the Hague Convention which removed from their country of

Parental preference precedes school catchment area Rotherham Metropolitan Borough School and had been refused His Lordship said that other

Regina v Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Clark and Others Before Mr Justice Collins

[Judgment October 9] Although the inclusion of catchment areas in allocating places in unlawful, it was unlawful to fail to ascertain parental preferences at the parents who lived within the the beginning of the process of an talk liberty area for a particular plaining a child, before this research, school were told by letter that their estion of which catchmen area the child might fall into.

Mr Justice Collins so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the applications of Kira Clark, Gregory Dakin, Andrew Hickman, Jordan Incley, Simon Jubb, Kyle Laheji, Kerry Manderson, Faye Pritchard, Arry Smith and Rachel Wright for judicial review by way, inter alia, of certiori to quash the decisions of

Finanzamt Osnabrück-Land

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de

Almeida, J. L. Murray, L. Sevón, P.

J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet, G.

Hirsch, P. Jann, H. Ragnemalm

A credit note issued by the recipi-

ent of goods or services could be a

document serving as an invoice

A supplier who had not con-tested the mention, in a credit note

serving as an invoice, of an amount of VAT greater than that

actually due, was liable to pay the

The Court of Justice of the

European Communities so held when giving a preliminary ruling on a reference under article !77 of

the EC Treaty by the Bundes

finanzhof (Federal Finance Court),

Germany, on questions on the interpretation of articles 21(1)(c) and 22(3)(c) of Sixth Council Direc-

tive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on

the harmonisation of the laws of

the member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of

(OJ 1977 L145 pl).

Advocate General P. Leger

Judgment September 17

v Langhorst

Case C-141/96

and M. Wathelet

(Opinion May 27)

European Law Report

Council and their appeal comapplicants' children to Old Hall School, Rotherham.

The local education authority had a policy of allocating places in its secondary schools through the automatically.

Parents who wished to send their children to a particular school despite their living outside its catchment area were allocated any remaining places by such criteria as distance from the school and whether there was a sibling already there. The poplicants were catchment area for Old Hall

By a German law, a credit note issued by a trader in settlement of a tamble supply made to him was to be recognised as an invoice,

provided certain conditions were

satisfied. In his VAT declaration

for the year at issue. Mr Langhorst. a farmer, elected,

pursuant to a German law, to be

taxed at the rate of 7 rather than 13

per cent. Unaware of that fact, livestock rlealers whom Mr

Langhorst had supplied with pigs issued him with credit notes which

mentioned separately VAT cal-culated at 13 per cent. Mr Langhorst did not at first contest

the amount of VAT in the credit

notes, but later brought proceed-ings claiming a reduction in the

Article 21 of the Sixth Directive

provides: The following shall be liable to pay value added tax: (I) under the internal system: ... (d) any person who mentions the value added tax on an invoice or

Article 22 provides: "(3)(a) Every taxable person shall issue an

invoice, or other document serving

as invoke in respect of all goods and services supplied by hant to-

another taxable person ... (b) The invoice shall state clearly the price

exclusive of tax and the corres-ponding tax at each rate as well as

document serving as

ount of VAT.

places there for their children. Mr James Goudle, QC and Mr plicants, Mr Philip Engelman for the local authority.

> MR JUSTICE COLLINS said a policy based upon catchment areas or siblings at the school was not a policy that was of itself unlawful.
> To have a policy which indicated
> what were to be the provides was

Mr Goudie submitted that those in the catchment area did not thouse any preference. They were told that if they did nothing their ment area school. The result was that many places available at the relevant achool were filled up before those expressing a true have their opinion considered.

for considering whether a document serves as an invoice."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The first question was whether

states to regard a credit note issued

by the recipient of goods or

services as a "document serving as

Article 22(3)(a) referred to the

normal situation where an invoice

or document serving as an invoice

was issued by the supplier of goods

However, since the purpose of that provision was to ensure

correct collection of the tax and to

why the document should not be

avoid fraud, there was no reas

the information to be correct

to his customer.

which he had, as it were, delegated

The credit note thus fulfilled the function of documenting the

supplier's rights and obligations with respect to VAT, since it

contained the same information as a traditional invoice and the sup-

an invoice"

or services.

article 22(3)(c) authorised member

Credit note can be used as VAT invoice

local education authorities applied was cocotia) that a local education authority, before it allocated allocation to secondary schools. It places, knew what the preferences was obviously convenient and were even from those within the might provide an element of certainty for parents but the whole combonent avest. Accordingly Mr Goudle was correct in his submission that that there should be such a

in other authorities where there the parent was instructed positively to go to the heatmaster of the school and indicate that he wanted his child to go

preference expressed: there should

Parents were able to see the school and form a view as to whether it was the correct school for their child. It did not follow that choose a school higher in the

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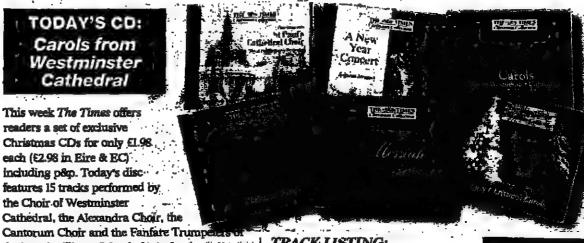
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Employer's state responsible Aktive Danmarks relating to the protection of employees in the event of the insolvency of their employer (OJ Handelsrejscude, acting on Insurance Fund. behalf of Mosback

Lopmodiageraes 1980 L283 pZ3). Garantifond Case C-117/96 Where an employee residing in one member state worked there for employer established in another member state, it was the guarantee institution of the employer's state that was normally

the for guaranteeing pay-

20, 1980 on the approximation of

ment of the employee's outstand-ing claims against the employer in the event of the employer's The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Commu-nities so held on September 17 on a reference under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Ostre Landsret (Eastern Regional Court), Denmark for a preliminary ruling concerning article 3 of Council Directive 80/987/EEC of October to settle Mrs Mosbæk's claim on

In the proceedings. Mrs Mosbæk, who lived in Denmark and had worked there for Colorgen Ltd, an English company neither established nor registered in Denmark which was declared insolvent claimed a sum representing unpaid salary, commissions and expenses from the Danish guarantee institution.

In its judgment, the Court said that article 3 required member states to take the measures necessary to ensure that guarantee nions guaranteed payment of employees' outstanding claims resulting from contracts of employ-ment or employment relation-ships, on the insolvency of the

the ground that responsibility lay

er's state, namely the National Although the directive contained

no provision expressly stating which institution had responsibility in circumstances such as those of the case, it was clear from. inter alia, the scheme of the directive that it must be the institution of the state in which, in accordance with article 2(i), either it had been decided to open proceedings for the collective satisfaction of creditors claims, or it had been established that the employer's undertaking or busi-ness had been definitively closed

In practice the opening of proceedings to satisfy creditors' claims collectively, which made it possible for salary claims to be aken into consid DOD, W25 120ST often requested in the state in which the employer was

As the German and United Kingdom Governments had rightly observed, a credit-note issued by the recipient was in many cases the best means of accounting for the supplies effected, in that it was only the recipient of the goods or services who was in a position to check that they complied with the terms of the

not be deduced from the fact that article 22(3)(a) provided only for the issuing by the supplier of an invoice or document serving as such, that it was not possible for the member states to regard a document as serving as an invoice solely because it had been issued by the recipient.

drawn up by the recipient, pro-vided that it included the informa-The second question concerned tion prescribed for an invoice and the supplier had been given the opportunity to ask, if necessary, for article 21(1)(c) of the directive. Where, in circumstances such as the present, a credit note served as an invoice, the supplier had to be regarded as the person who had in-fact mentioned VAT in the credit In such a case, since he had that power of control, the supplier could be regarded as the author of the document, the drawing up of note, within article 21(1)(c), and he

was consequently liable to pay the amount stated. Were it otherwise, nart of the VAT appearing in the document serving as invoice would not have to be paid by the supplier, even though that VAT might have been deducted in full by the recipient, thus giving scope for possible fraud or collusion, courary to the proper functioning of the common system of VAT established by the directive and its objective of ensuring that VAT was levied and collected under the supervision of

On those grounds the Court

I Article 22(3)(c) of the Sixth Directive authorised member states to regard a credit note issued by the recipient of goods or services as a document serving as an invoice", where it included the information prescribed for in-voices by that directive, it was drawn up with the agreement of the taxable person who supplied the goods or services, and the latter was able to contest the amount of VAT mentioned.

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■ A ROARING Twenties dinner dance on Boxing Day will be the culmination of a three-Yorkshire Christmas break at the Green Man in Malton's market place. Price: £195, including all meals. Details: 01723 374374.

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■ THE SKI SLOPES of Vosges may be less dramatic than those of the Alps but they are closer and cheaper. A fourday break at the Hotel des Vallées in La Bresse costs £150, including half-board, lift passes and ski hire. Channel crossings are extra. Details: 00333 2982 4993.

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top French skl resorts, is available at less than crippling prices from Leisure Direction Ski. A studio for four for a week in January costs E338 and similar accommodation at Le Centre, including a heated pool, costs £420. Both prices cover the Channel crossing for car and passengers. Details: 0181-324 3030.

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■ GOA without the hippies is on offer for E359 for a fortnight from Unijet. The deal involves a flight from Gatwick on November 29 and B&B at a resort half a mile from the beach. Details: 0990 336336.

AN INDIAN TOUR departing from Heathrow on Decem-ber 4 and including a wildlife reserve and bird sanctuary, as well as the Taj Mahal and

Jaipur, is still available from Travelbag Adventures. Price £795, including return flights and ten nights' B&B. Details: 01420 541007.

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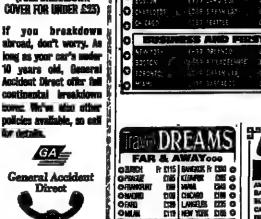
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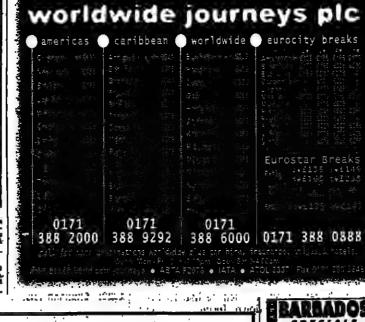














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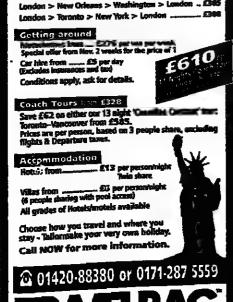
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SUE WRIGHT, the British

champion, displayed her re-nowned fighting spirit in do-

mestic competition this week.

dragging her Potters Bar male

colleagues to a narrow victory

in the SRA National Squash

Wright, 27, wrested the fifth string deciding point 7-9, 10-8, 10-8, 9-8 from Natalie

Mitsubishi Electric Potters

Bar, champions for the past

two years, are famous battlers.

In this match, their points in

the men's rubbers came from

a 9-10, 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 9-5 win by

Jamie Davis over Paul Hargrave and a 2-9, 9-6, 9-7, 0-

9, 9-3, win by Paul Carter over Mark Allen. However, John

Ransome lost at first string to

Hadrian Stiff 9-10 in the

fourth game, and Dean Wat-

son lost comprehensively to

John Russell at fourth string.
It was Wright's steely determination that kept Potters
Bar at the head of the Group A

table. She lost the first game to

the talented stroke play of

Grainger and was game all down in each of the next three

games, fighting back from 1-8

down in the fourth to win both the rubber and the match after

"It was a fantastic fighting erformance." Brian

Hargrave, the Duffield team

manager, said. "Natalie played extremely well in con-

ditions that must have been

quite foreign to her. I thought

she was going to clinch the

match for us but she just

"I love team play for my

club, my league side or my country," Wright said. "You

find extra depths in yourself

when you have to win for the

A About Taleb lost to P Genever 7-9, 4-9, 5-9; C Tornimson bt L Drew 9-9, 8-9, 9-5, 10-9; P Gunner breat M Hants 9-3, 9-2, 9-6; K Buckley lost to L Charmen 0-9, 0-9, 3-9).

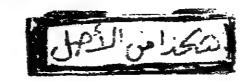
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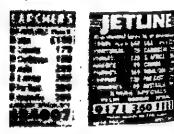
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Thrilling finish in prospect as team contest nears conclusion

La Manga presents ultimate test

FROM MEL WEBB IN LA MANGA

THE British Isles may be gripped by the clammy em-brace of early winter, but in this corner of southeast Spain spring is in the air. Or, at east, it feels like spring to the visitor from farther up the European map, it is pleasantly warm in the province of Murcia but, whatever the weather, the temperature for of amateur golfers will become as hot as the fires of Hades in the next two days.

Corporate Golf Challenge has arrived at its spiritual home, the La Manga Club, for the fifth national final of the biggest corporate golf event in the British Isles. More than 100,000 players have competed in the Challenge this year; it



has taken nine months of intense competition and more than 1,000 company golf days for that huge figure to be distilled down to this elite 56.

Players of just about every degree of proficiency are bere. There are 24-handicappers, a host of single-figure men and two who play off a tigerish two. There will be players who will exceed their modest ability on the 36 holes that face them in the coming 48 hours, others, perhaps more talented, who will feel they have not done themselves justice. What they will have in common is the knowledge that, in the amateur game, it does not

come much better than this.

As the 14 teams went about their business in their practice round yesterday, there were many factors for them to consider not least of which is that, for the first time in the competition this year, they will be playing as a four-man team. On the original company golf day, they played as individuals and in the regional finals in October they were paired of into two two-balls. Now they have to operate as a quartet; now they have to



Searching for likely winners is a fruitless task. Nobody can tell at this stage who will respond to the pressure best, who will most rapidly acclimatise to the basilisk eye of the television cameras — for the fourth year the final will be shown in a one-hour programme on Sky Sports early

The South course at La Manga is looking and playing better than it has ever done. It has always been the jewel in La Manga's sporting crown, but this year its star is spark-ling ever more brightly. Like all good golf courses, the beautiful South rewards

in December.

good golf, but is merciless on the erratic. If your ball gets enmeshed in the wiry Bermuda rough here, you have to

smart, get out. The competition that gets under way this morning will. evolve a factical plan. Whoever be a 36-hole event played off er does that best will take three quarters of handicap under the rules of Stableford, naments can do to people.

the scoring system that awards points for bogeys. pars, birdies and eagles. As in the regional finals, the scores of the best two players on each hole will count.

The change in handicap allowance this year from sev-en eighths to three quarters meant that the regional finals of the competition were more closely contested affairs than they had ever been. It is likely to be the same here. The fina in 1996 produced its tightest finish, when it went for the first time to a play-off — four teams were involved before victory was claimed by a single point. It could easily happen again this year.

The most poignant story to emerge from the aftermath of the breathless 30 minutes of man who felt he had let his team down, inconsolable, he has not played a competitive round since. He might not be a TEE TIMES AND HANDICAPS (R McClure 6, D Watters 12, (T Alichioge 39, J McMahon 18, W Stade 10, P Jubb 24) (P Simeox 16, P Gyoupy 5, P Morris 15, D Ros 8), (I. Harding 19, M Murray 17, G Dickers 11, L Veltasjoid 14), (A Siy 13, P Western 8, A Mycock 9, M Remer 21, (J Reatt 8, C Brown 4, K Booley 13, P Jeason 11), (M Harrison 10, D Bell 8, A Jeffery S. T. Douthuitten 19): (G Dutiy 10, G Brown 14.

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Johnson pays high price to join rat race

John Hopkins talks to a club

secretary with a caddying dream

open course in mid-Gloucestershire, is prey to winds that come whistling over the last escarpment before the Cotswolds tumble down to the Severn plain at Womon-under-Edge. From this friendly, unpretentious club have come some good senior golfers - and some good juniors, come to that, The dubhouse is wide and low and, hard by the main entrance, with the pro's shop to the right and the bar to the left, is the secretary's office. It is there that Simon Johnson is nor-

mally to be found. This week, though, the ecretary has gone on leave. He is chasing a rainbow. come a club secretary, but Johnson is a club secretary who wants to become a caddie. No more snatches of conversation such as 'Morning, Mr Secretary, I see the rabbits are back on the 14th fairway", or "Mr Secretary, I don't suppose you have found my glove. have you? I think I may have dropped it by the 9th green, when I played a round four months ago". Such prosaic exchanges will be replaced by more surly instructions, such as "Get my bag from my car and [1]

meet you on the practice ground in 20 minutes". At the end of December, Johnson will forgo the security of a job, an office and a salary from Stinchcombe Hill as he makes a full-time attempt to become a bag man, a rat, a right-hand man, on-course companion, call him what you will. For now, he is having a dummy run as a caddie over the San Roque and Guadalmina COUTSES Andalucia, where the 108-hole qualifying school starts this morning. There, 180 professional golfers are attempting to win the right to play on the PGA European Tour in

Many are newcomers, got me."

tinchcombe Hill men such as Steven Young, Golf Club, a fine, the former Walker Cup the former Walker Cup player; some, such as Gordon Sherry, Paul Way and Mike McLean, were here last year. Making only his second appearance at a qualifying school is Ross Drummond, who last had to submit himself to this torture 20 years ago.

ting place to be for a man with a head full of dreams. Down here, suntanned old drinking beer and remembering past glories. Down here this week, young men fantasise at what might be just around the corner. Get on the tour next year. Compete alongside Severiano Ballesteros. Win a tournament. Find a rich sponsor. Buy a Porsche. Of all the ices at which to try to realise a lifetime's ambition. the qualifying school may be the most realistic.

lthough it seems that Johnson, who is 44, has merely A fallen prey to the uncertainties and itchiness that often affect men in their mid-forties, the reality sounds different. "It's fashionable to downshift," he said. "City slickers go and run sub-post offices in Truro. I thought to myself: "Wow! This could be cool." I've had 20 years in the aviation business and a few years in the golf environment. Now I am following a dream. "I am not doing this

Stinchcombe thought I would use it as a springboard to Frilford Heath or Burnham and Berrow, somewhere like that. My wife has been very supportive, but I admit I There is the lack of finance and the lack of companionship. But one thing I am not is naive. I am very realistic. There are a lot of risks, but I've got a few bob tucked away and the environment

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

some beating.

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When you need to take ruffs in dummy in one suit and set up another suit, there can be delicate timing problems. This example is from the TGR £100 game.

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Charles Wigoder (South) opened a dubious One Spade, and North responded Four Clubs, a 'splinter' bid, showing a good raise to Four Spades with club shortage. South completed the auction

with Four Spades. in general one shouldn't lead singleton trumps, but here it proved to be the best start for the defence. Wigoder took the first trick with the nine and played a club. East won and played another trump. Now how should declarer proceed?

A superficial analysis is to ruff a club, play the ace of diamonds discarding a club and ruff a diamond, then ruff another club. That is only nine tricks: East still has a trump left and declarer has two trumps. Declarer needs a second heart trick, and if he has to lose two hearts he will run out of trumps before enjoying his long heart.

Wigoder did better by playing towards dummy's hearts Manual Marchine

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immediately. With the lucky lie that meant he was able to bring in the suit for three tricks, so needed only one club

I think the best line is to ruff a club at trick four and then play ace and another heart. The idea is that if West has to win the second heart, declarer can still arrange to take a second club ruff in dummy. and be in control to establish and cash the fourth heart. Here, say West returns a diamond after winning the king of hearts. Declarer wins in dummy (discarding a club from hand), ruffs a diamond and ruffs a club, then plays a third heart from dummy. This line succeeds against the heart holdings on which Wigoder's line succeeds, and gains when West fails to unblock from Kx or Ox of hearts when the ace is

cashed. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS BY DAYMOND KEENE 16 b5 17 Bxc3

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

King's Indian The King's Indian Defence is

one of the great favourites of Garry Kasparov, and has also been, a favoured weapon of aggressive champions such as Mikhail Tal and Bobby Fischer. A fascinating trend has been developing in King's Indians recently with black players lashing out with a sacrifice of their queen's bishop on the h3 square. Today's games exemplify this new trend. Game one in particular finishes with a beautiful and sensational queen sacrifice. White: Liubomir Fracnik

Black: Oleg Cvitan German Bundesliga 1997 King's Indian Defence

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Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WEARING NOVE By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Speelman -Bennett, Islington 1971. White's pawns are advancing menacingly on the queen's wing. How did he now force a decisive breakthrough?

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It's what you want to know " --

Australia to make a late decision on kicker

By Kevin Ferrie

ROD MACQUEEN, the Australia coach, yesterday named an unchanged side for the meeting with Scotland on Saturday, but he admitted to a real dilemma over his choice of place-kicker for the Murrayfield international.

Having drawn with England last Saturday and outscored them by two tries to nil, Macqueen believes that his men improved substantially on their showing in losing to Argentina a week earlier and he is looking for further

progress this weekend.
"Whilst we didn't feel we played to the standard we would have liked, i felt there was a definite step up from the performance in Argentina, but we are looking for another step up so we went for consistent team selection," he said.

He identified the lineout where the Australians believed they suffered through English interference on their put-in as much as having difficulties of their own making - as an area of particular concern, however the critical problem is the goal-kicking after the woeful display of John Eales at Twickenham.

Earlier in the week the captain had indicated, halfjokingly, that he would be happy to hand over the kicking duties, but said yesterday: "It doesn't worry me. If I'm the one, I'm the one." It was hardly a convincing speech and, pressed on the matter, Macqueen admitted to reservations. "The situation does worry me, but I'm trying not to talk about it too much," he

TEAM

said. "We will be making a decision on the place-kicker

Clearly the main choice is berween Eales and Joe Roff, the wing, who took over from him against England. There is, though, a third option in Elton Flatley, the fly half. He may be preparing for only his second international, having been elevated from the backup squad on this tour, but he knows all about kicking at Murrayfield after playing there for Australian Schools in their narrow win there three years ago.

Against a Scottish Schools side that contained James Craig, who makes his senior debut on Saturday, Flatley was Australia's goal-kicker that day.

"I had missed three very kickable chances to put us further ahead, but Scotland scored a penalty with only a couple of minutes to go to take the lead," he said. "Then I got the chance from just inside their half with the last kick of the game and put it over." Craig's speed set up one of Scotland's tries that day.

Scotland's preparations were slightly disrupted yesterday. Alan Tait, who played for the British Isles in the summer, missing training because Mike, his seven-year-old son, had been taken to hospital on Tuesday night suffering from a twisted testicle. "We had no qualms about Alan going home. He had to be there, but his son is all right," Arthur Hastie, the team manager, said, after Tait had rejoined the party.

Atapattu puts Sri Lanka in command

MARVAN ATAPATTU. the Sri Lanka batsman, hit his maiden Test century to put his side in charge of the first Test in Mohali, India, yesterday. The stylish right-hander, who failed to make a run in four Test innings in India in 1993, made amends with 108 here to carry the tourists to 280 for four by close of play on the opening day.

Atapattu put on 98 for the first wicket with Sanath Jayasuriya and 104 for the second with Roshan Mahanama before reaching his century an hour after tea with his thirteenth boundary.

Sri Lanka were 254 for two when India hit back with two wickets off successive balls shortly before the close. Atapattu was out leg before to Srinath and De Silva was bowled by Kuruvilla after

David Hands wonders if the latest All Blacks are unbeatable

New Zealand in pursuit of perfection

'In 1991, they

suffered what

they regarded as

failure... Hart

witnessed that'

ohn Hart was asked on Tuesday night whether the New Zealand midweek XV might not just also be the second-best team in the world - behind his Saturday XV. Hart, good diplomat and shrewd psychologist that he is, skirted the issue and spoke about the different circumstances of international rugby, but there were few happier men in Huddersfield after his second-string XV had demolished Emerging England 59-22. Emerging England? It is arguable whether

the XV on Tuesday, including seven British Isles players, was that much weaker than the team that played in the international against Australia on Saturday and the England management has acknowledged that a repeat

of such a performance against New Zealand at Old Trafford on Saturday will lead to an out-and-out hiding. So where have New Zea-

and gone so right while the rest of the rugby-playing world struggles to catch up? Under Hart's coaching, they have played 19 internationals in the past 18 months and lost only one, on tour in South Africa on August 31 last year, after they had already clinched the series, for the first time on South African soil - yet they are benefiting from more than just the association of visionary coach and talented players. The All Blacks are where they are now in part because of where they have been over the past

hundred years. It is hard to overemphasise the depth to which rugby union penetrates life in New Zealand. It is a national

expression and has been since the first All Blacks left their shores, around the turn of the century, and discovered that they could make the rest of the world take notice. Every new All Black is conscious of the weight of history on his shoulders, of the need not just to play for his country but to play well for his country.

For many years, that meant a conservative style, in which victory was all-important and which reflected the national psyche in New Zealand - but not in recent times. In 1991, they suffered what they regarded as failure, dismissal from the World Cup at the semi-final stage and the knowledge that their image was drastically interior to that of their neighbours,

years had passed, it pained him. In between came the Laurie Mains eta. which laid much of the groundwork for the present side: Sean Fitzpatrick came of age as an international captain then, the sport embraced professionalism and the southern hemisphere created a competition that is as near as its contestants can make it to international standard — the Super 12 tournament. The period of introspection that followed 1991 took time to bear fruit, but the present squad are the direct beneficiaries.

Their failure to win the World Cup in 1995 was, perhaps, the final spur. They played the best rugby of that competition, but they did not

win it and, because New Zealanders will always analyse failure before they congratulate themselves on their success, they were prepared to leave even less to chance than before. Hart's analytical ap-proach has encompassed the strategy of the game and the individuals who play it. Mastery of the basic skills

has been fundamental to the All Blacks and professionalism has given them even greater opportunity to hone those skills and their fitness levels. Hart, though, insists that everything hinges upon the intensity with which they prepare for and play the game. "We are trying to play a game we can all enjoy and, at he same time, find the consistency which is the hallmark of all good sides," he said.

He compares his team now to the great Auckland sides that he coached and believes

that his players are "getting on top of" the 80minute game. In every international this season, there have been complaints that New Zealand have either started poorly or finished poorly; there were few such complaints at Huddersfield, where so proud a performance must leave players like Scott McCleod, so frequently a replacement, Mark Robinson and Todd Miller wondering what else they must do to attain international rugby.

The two 22-year-olds stamped class over the evening. Miller scoring three tries from full back; yet they must wait in line behind the two players who are the best in the world in their positions - Justin Marshall, at scrum half, and Australia. Hart, as co-coach to Alex Wyllie. Christian Cullen, Sometimes, it is hard to be an witnessed that and, although he did not All Black. It is harder still playing against them.



McCleod, another on the All Blacks' fringes, takes up the charge at Huddersfield



WHAT SETS THE ALL BLACKS APART? THE EXPERTS GIVE THEIR VERDICT



Jack Rowell

England coach 1994-97, and beaten by All Blacks in 1995 World Cup semi-final

"In 1994 I was talking about the need to In 1994 I was taking about the need to develop interactive rugby. Once the set-piece was over, every player had to be multi-skilled. This is the type of rugby New Zealand are into. It is all underpinned by massive fitness, pace and skill. I used to talk of the All Blacks having 15 butleships.

Australia coach 1995-97, who suffered

five successive defeats by the All Blacks

"I think New Zealand revolve around

their tight five and the strength of a player like Frank Bunce. Bunce is not such an

obviously innovative player as some but in his own way, he is. People find it very difficult to put him on the ground. That

mentally and physically. Sometimes they are able to make the game look like a non-contact sport. In their ruthless pursuit of game book hise a non-connect sport. In their runness portint of excellence they divided up their country for the Super-12, all to ensure their best players competed at the top level. John Hart also inherited a squad from Laurie Mains that is still together. Hart has just added his own dimension. By the end of last year England had the defence organised and had developed a style of attacking play and I felt we could have gone forward from there."

Greg Smith

strength is supported by brilliant individuals such as Cullen and Marshall, and they have so much depth that someone like Andrew Mehrtens, who I rate very highly, has not played much this year. The fitness levels and conditioning of the

All Blacks allows them to turn out unchanged XVs match after match. They are not unbeatable but their quality demands that opponents achieve some degree of ascendancy early on. If you make a mistake they will punish you, and when you play them as often as we do, it can



Geoff Cooke

England manager 1987-94, and victorious against the All Blacks in 1993

"Clive Woodward has a nightmare on his hands. The problems of puning out scratch teams were horribly exposed on Tuesday night. The only solution is to put out our best club sides, such as Wasps and Leicesser, against tourists. At least they are organised units, New Zealand are a very, very good threads his policy the fold units.

Gary Teichmann

"You have got to deny them the ball. If there is one side that can keep the ball for a long period of time, it's the All Blacks.

You have to cut your mistakes down to a hare minimum. They have got so much confidence in winning. You only get that when you have been together for so long.

side. Every player understands his role on the field and they all make good decisions on the half. In 1993 we wanched their every move; we spent weeks planning their downfall. That game at Twickenhawas a one-off. We had a limited game-plan and we stopped New Zealand in their tracks. We can do it occasionally but we have got to get into the situation where we can do it consistently. Realistically I would expect us to compete. At the moment England lack maharity. It will be a fantastic effort if we get close to them.

Rugby is such a team game that you have to rely on a lot of other people. An international is an international though, and on their day England can beat any side. If you do the basics properly, get possession and make them do the defending, then you can win. What they are good at is being able to pick up the pace of the game when they want in. They work hard at their game, they have a good structure and have been fortunate with injuries. The senior gays have just leart soins.

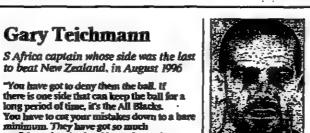


Brian Ashton

Coach of the Ireland side that suffered a record defeat last Saturday

"Against sides of this calibre, you have got to be switched on tactically for the full 30 minutes because the game can slide away from you so very, very quickly. They are relemiless, powerful men, very dynamic. They put us on the back foot. Their ball an is superb. They are constantly

going forward, which makes it easy for support players to knock off anyone trying to interfere with the ball. They are the best side in the world, the best I have ever seen. In the second half at Lansdow Road, one could see all their old attributes power, pace, vision. They have footballers all over the field. In one 15-minute period we touched the ball just twice. They play with remarkable patience and control, just waiting for defences to run out of numbers. I have no idea how England will get on; I have no idea how they are playing."



John Mitchell

England assistant coach; toured with All Blacks in 1993

The Super 12 normannent has taken players to another level. Players are involved in that for three months, then the All Blacks are together for seven weeks, then they play in the national provincial championship, all of which demands good football on a regular basis. These guys

had great habits and disciplines when they were amateurs. They didn't need money to make them professional. But good as they were, then here money to make them professional. But good as mey were, they have become even better and the New Zealand union has contracted the best 150 of them to play the highest possible standard of regional rugby. We have only half that number of players in England, who are not even playing intense club rugby regularly. We can teach players good habits here but at the moment we haven't got the playing structure whereas in New Zealand they have."

SPORT IN BRIEF Moorcroft escue an wins plan wins approval

ATHLETICS: David Moorcroft's plan to rescue British athletics from its financial problems and safeguard its future was accepted yesterday by the United Kingdom Sports Council. It has also been approved by the insolvency practitioners who were called in last month with the British Athletic Federation (BAF) facing a deficit of E530,000.

Details will be outlined next week, but Moorcroft's plan will involve setting up a small project group, whose task will be to establish a new structure for the sport in Britain.

Moorcroft, who took over the role of BAF chief executive before the scale of the problems were evident, vesterday met Sir Rodney Walker, the Sports Council's acting chairman, and Roger Eady, the council's performance development director, "David's plans have been warmly welcomed by all parties," a council spokesman said.

England ticket

GAMES: The England team for the 1998 Games will be commercially sponsored for the first time. Vinno, the soft drinks company, is giving £100,000 to support England at "the friendly games" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in September.

The quadrennial event will attract 6,000 competitors firms 60 countries in 15 sports, with England sending 350, the bigges squad in the 68 years of the Games. Next year there will be competitions for the first first in traditional Commonwealth sports, such as cricket, hockey, rugby. netball, sonash and tennin bowling.

Taylor's choice SCKET: Mark Tavio:

the Australia captain, said yesterday that he would not hesitate to join a players' strike if the country's firstclass cricketers voted for industrial action in pursult of a pay claim. On the eve of . the second Test against New Zealand at the Waca Ground in Perth, Taylor confirmed his total support for the Australian Cricketers' Association.

"I'm obviously captain of the Australian side but I'm a member of the ACA and if the numbers stacked up that way I would [go on strikel, yes," Taylor said.

Merle returns

III DUNNY WINNE Olivier Meric, the giant France lock forward who scored a try when he led a second-half revival after coming on as a replacement in the 36-32 defeat by South Africa in Lyons last week, is back in the side to play the Springboks in the second international at the Pare des Princes on Saturday. Merle's return means that Fabien Pelous sits on the replacements' bench. The other change in the side sees the Brive threequarter, David

Venditti, replace Laurent Leflamand on the right wing. Venditti's last cap was in the 29-15 defeat by Australia in Sydney in June.

CRICKET: TOURING TEAM'S HOPES OF AVOIDING DEFEAT DEPEND ON LARA IN FIRST TEST

kept going."

West Indies' decline gathering pace

FROM time to time there comes a moment when a team's decline is revealed in a way that leaves no room for doubt. It came here shortly after lunch on the third day, as the Pakistan innings entered its tenth hour with West Indies helpless to deny them a healthy lead, which eventually reached 230.

Rawl Lewis, a leg spinner of no great means, came round the wicket to Inzamam, who had spent his entire innings with a runner. Hobbling about on his one good leg, he had still driven Lewis for two mighty straight sixes, to compensate for the runs - as many as 20 - that he had passed up as he managed the

With the field spread out, and a mediocre wrist spinner directing the ball a foot outside leg stump, West Indies were doing no more than clinging It was a good shout, rather

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PESHAWAR After all the years they have

bombarded other teams into submission with their fast bowlers, it had come to this. And a pitiful spectacle it made. Unable to bat or bowl with the necessary skill or discipline, they have failed utterly to disguise the wretched state of their cricket. Had Inzamam reached his century, the humiliation would have been complete. Instead, he was eight runs short when Walsh closed the innings with his fifth wicket. Walsh had

As others have found, this is an unforgiving place to play. Bishop was driven to distraction when Said Shah, the local umpire, refused to give

dropped inzamam on five,

almost exactly 24 hours be-

Campbell's dismissal on the first morning, when Shah was feeling more indulgent. Bishop stood before him, aghast, begging to know how the ball

could have missed the wicket. It would be wrong to suggest that West Indies deserved the breaks. Their bowling, led manfully by Waish, who cannot have in him many more days like this, is unconvincing on good pitches. Lewis is a tyro, Hooper a lightweight and Simmons a mere dobber. Ambrose, on whom so much depends, left the field without a wicket. There is not a lot left in him, either.

Starting the day on 246 for five, Pakistan soon lost Azhar but Moin Khan survived a life that Lara granted him to complete a hard-fought 50. When he went, and Arshad followed. West Indies could Scoreboard, page 45 on until they had to bat again.

supported by Nazir and Mushtaq, enabled the last two wickets to realise 77 runs.

It was quite an achievement for Inzamam to bat for 412 hours with an injured left foot, but West Indies seemed in no hurry to see the back of him. Simmons, running back from slip, missed another chance towards the end of the innings, by which stage an air of resignation had set in. It deepened when Williams was out to the new ball, and Chanderpaul feli to Mushtaq.

Lara, there is hope for West Indies, who had reached 99 for two at the close. He ended the day in scalding form, jumping out of his crease to lift Arshad for three boundaries in an over and, when Mushtaq replaced the off spinner, forcing three more through cover. He must make a big hundred, a

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Eines to 5, 10 1, 16 7) Total: (Periods, 30 overs) Fell of wickets 1-14, 2-58. 90M.R/G: Washin Alcom 8-4-20-1. Shahid Nezir 3.5-0-17-0; Aztur Natumood 41-2-6-0; Mustaan Almood 8-2-22-1; Arshad Khen 6-2-18-0.

Total: (192 overal) 381

FALL OF WICKET: 1-10, 2-143, 3-145, 4-193, 5-207, 6-250, 7-294, 9-304, 9-347.

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Hughes book award hits the critics for six

SIMON HUGHES, the former Middlesex and Durham bowler, won the William Hill sports book of the year yesterday with his entertaining and candid account of life as a county cricketer. A Lot of Hard Yakka, published by Headline, it is the first time a cricket theme has won the prize, which is in its ninth

Hughes's success is unlikely to have a similar impact on cricket writing as Nick Homby's did on football after he won the 1992 award, but

still it should be welcomed. There is a long-standing and widespread supposition that cricket literature is among the finest in all sport. However, John Gaustad, the chairman of the adjudicating

dying." If Hughes's example is followed, that outcome should be averted. He was inspired to tell his tale by a magazine article three years ago calling for someone to give cricket "the Nick Hornby treatment". Hughes, who had been scribbling observations of matches since the age of 11,

realised he had the material. I was something of an outsider and observer, who spent most of his career fielding on the boundary." Hughes said. "It gave me the chance to hear what spectators really wanted to know."

Richard Williams's forensic. study of Formula One, Racers, published by Viking won the second prize

The award for the best cover went to Richard and Fiona panel, had said this week:
Many cricket books are traditional and hidebound. I think

Bailey for their photographic collection. The Road to Glory:
Portraits of Britain's Paracollection. The Road to Glory: its market is in danger of lympians (Quiller Press).

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RACING

Pub betting among BHB's proposals to bolster finances

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A BLUEPRINT for funding racing in the 21st Century will urge the Government to switch up to £75 million a year from betting duty into the sport - and allow punters to have a flutter in pubs.

The radical proposals will be included in a report, due to be completed next month by the British Horseracing Board (BHB), which examines the

industry's financial plight.

A small BHB group, chaired by Peter Savill, has analysed the sport's funding difficulties — particularly low levels of prize-money — and estimated racing needs an extra £80 million to £100 million a year. Savill's team has put forward three ways of raising the funds — each of which is likely to infuriate the bookmaking industry.

First, the BHB will request the Government to cut beiting duty by up to 1.75 per cent from its present rate of 6.75 per cent and transfer the money to the levy coffers. That would cost the Government about £115 million in revenue and would benefit racing by around £75 million. The loss to the Government could be recovered, the Savill team argues, by introducing a 30 per cent tax on numbers betting such as 49ers and Lucky Choice — and by allowing bookmakers to bet on National Lottery numbers.

Numbers betting, which contributed to the record profits returned recently by the "Big Three" bookmakers, is taxed at 6.75 per cent compared to 40 per cent (12 per cent Government tax plus 28 per cent "good causes") on the National Lottery and 43 per cent (33 per cent Government tax and 10 per cent "good causes") on football pools.

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Timekeeper's top rating: 3.50 DISTANT STORM.

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1,20 great western novices hurdle

per cent of betting is on the Lottery, the Government could expect tax income of £165 million. Less than £400 million would need to be bet on numbers for the proposed bening duty changes to cost the Government nothing, Savill's team believes.

Second, the BHB wants a bigger take from the profits made by on-course bookmakers at Britain's 59 racecourses. They generate about £400 million in betting turnover each year yet pay only 0.9 per cent — £3.5 million — to racecourses, compared to 5 to 7 per cent paid by the Tote oncourse, Racecourses should impose pitch fees based on a

KEY POINTS IN BLUEPRINT

 Allow betting terminels in pubs. Government to switch £75m to racing's coffer

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true market value, although the Savili team acknowledges this would require legislation. Third, and perhaps most controversial, the report is expected to recommend that betting terminals be allowed in pubs — as they are in Australia, France and South Africa.

in recent years, deregulation has seen the introduction of numbers betting and fruit machines into traditional betting shops, which has caused racing's market share to decrease by about I per cent a year for the past five years. Although betting shops enjoy a monopoly to distribute

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BETTING: 2-1 Royal Action. 9-2 Relative Chance, 6-1 Homone De Far, 7-1 Lile's Wook, 18-1 Rom Customer, 18-1 Betton, Kingstand Teverse, Royal Pet State. 14-1 others

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RELATIVE CHANCE, com of the few certain to slay this trip, can win again

Camillas Legacy 361 7th of 14 to Colones Blazer in newtoe hundle at Tauston (2m 3l 110yd, good to soft) Maid For Adventure pulled up in novice chaze at Easter (2m 1l 110yd, good). Was Em 191 5th of 6 to Nahasanah in handleap hundle at Ascat (2m 110yd, good). Stratton Hyer beaten a distance 3rd of 6 to Trail Boss in novice chase at Sandown (2m, good to term)

MRS GM, a useful histotler, can make a working debut over lences

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SEATTLE ALLEY, well treated on last season's form, looks sure to go chose

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Sedgefield: 2.10 Old Ale, Dawn Mission 3.10 Gelen, Sky Runner Warwick: 3.30 Celemont. Wincanton: 1.50 Kongles Melody.

2.20 TOTE BETTING SHOP HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTING: 7-4 Spattle Alley, 2-1 Colonel Blazer, 7-2 Cool Gunner, 5-1 Proviginer

(£3,415; 2m) (4 rumners)

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racing's off-course product they no longer offer horse and greyhound racing exclusively

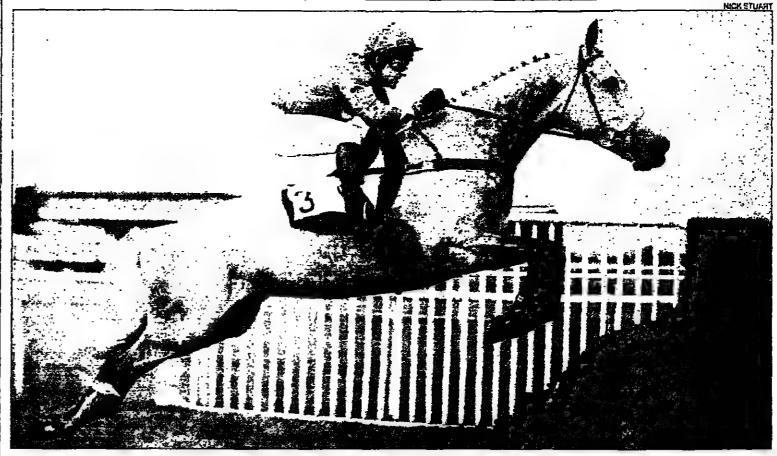
Indeed, the estimated higher margins offered by betting on football (35 per cent), golf (35 per cent) and numbers betting (44 per cent), com-pared to horseracing (23 per cent) and greyhounds (21 per cent), means betting shops promote the new products more energetically - especially as the tax rate is the same. Significantly, the Savill team has discovered the cost of

operating betting outlets in Britain — equivalent to 13.9 per cent of betting turnover exceptionally high compared to other countries. However, the cost of having betting in pubs would be much lower about 5 per cent of turnover. Allowing bening terminals

in pubs would create more competition between the Tote and the "Big Three", appeal to new customers - and boost turnover for evening and Sunday racing, it is argued. The Savill team was initially

asked to review the levy system of funding racing which has been in operation for more 30 years. While in favour of a more commercial system of funding, such a change should only take place when the annual levy matches racing's needs — probably double the present £55 million a year return. Although the main planks

the Savill report are in place, some fine tuning is still to be carried out — particular-ly the level of betting duty reduction the BHB should request from the Government. However, such details are unlikely to prevent the big bookmakers mounting the thrust of the Savill report.



Suny Bay warms up Hennessy market

By CHRIS MCGRATH

RACING offers no spectacle quite so vivid as that of a grey steeplechaser, illuminating the murk of winter with the raw brightness of his energy. athleticism and power. At Haydock Park yesterday, Suny Bay produced a perfor mance that reflected the dramatic image struck over recent seasons by Desert Orchid and One Man, making all the running under Graham Bradley in the Edward Hanmer Chase.

It was his first start since being beaten 25 lengths by Lord Gyllene in the Martell Grand National back in April. In the peculiar circumstances, his connections had felt some obligation to let him run that day — but the key to Suny Bay is ground rather softer than prevailed at Aintree when the race eventually took place.

Even the limited exposure that various training prob-lems have permitted him -

this was his eighth win from just 14 starts - had shown that Suny Bay goes well fresh, anyway, and the yielding Haydock turf allowed him to dominate a high-class field from start to finish. One by one, some of the best staying handicap chasers around had their resistance broken by his bold jumping and relentless gallop. See More Business all but ignored the sixth from home. while Eudipe and Unguided

Missile cracked after the

final ditch. General Wolfe

(Richard Evans writes).

PEINTRE CELEBRE, the outstanding winner

of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp

in October, was named as the Cartier Horse of

the Year at a gala dinner in London last night

The Cartier racing awards are now in their

seventh year and the special award of merit

was presented to Peter O'Sullevan, who retires

as the BBC television's racing commentator

after the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at

laboured onward to take second, beaten II lengths, with See More Business regrouping to creditable effect another seven lengths away. The rest were well beaten. "He's up there with some

of those good horses I rade years ago," Bradley said. Horses like Bregawn and Wayward Lad. He's an ideal type for the Hennessy Gold Cup — he jumps, stays and gallops. He jumped from fence to fence, kept quickening up. Horses by his sire, Roselier, get better with age,

Peintre Celebre wins top award

and he is improving all the He said: "Where he goes time. The sky's the limit." depends on the ground. He Bradley had only been could go for the Hennessy, or restored to the ride as a result the Rehearsal Chase the folof the wrist injury sustained lowing weekend, and then

the Welsh National." Brooks himself suggested that Newbury was yery much in mind. "This is the route we took with Couldnt Bc Better when he won two years ago," he said. "One of the reasons we ran at Haydock, rather than at Aintree on Saturday, is that — if things went right - it would give us an extra three days. I thought him much improved this year, by the way he has been working. and was unusually confident today for a normally pessimistic trainer."

Those infected by his opti-mism must find the Tote's offer of 9-2 favourite for the Hennessy interesting. The Tote also has Suny Bay at 16-1 for the National and as low as 12-1 for the Gold Cup, while Coral offer 12-! for Aintree, and 20-1 Chettenham.

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He Knows The Rules 42! 9th of 10 to Septemb Charm in novice bendicap handle at Assot (2m 4f good); previously best Handson 4m for a handle of 4.15 at Easter (2m 1f 110yd, good). Perstan Bottlerfly neck 2nd of 14 to Fijon in setting handle at Strationd (2m 110yd, good). Ostant Storm beat Soldier Mak 2% in 1f-move conditional solverys novice tendicap handle at titroeler (2m, good) with Moonlight Escapade (6b bester of) 211 5th. Saud 43f last of 7 to Native Shore in handleap handle at Herstori (2m 3f 110yd, good). Acadif Prince publish up on novice handles at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, fam) beakeasy 411 5th of 17 to Storm Tiger in sensitional indexy handles at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, fam) breakeasy 411 5th of 17 to Storm Tiger in sensitional pickeys handles handles burdle at Dester (2m 3 a good to soif) Distryveramoonibe 67 8th of 11 to King Of The Dawn in novice handles at Easter (2m 1f 110yd, good) with incline Crown (5th sense oif) pulled to

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury on Saturday week.

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WARWICK

12.55 Edward Seymour, 1.30 Coollean Hero, 2.00 Handy Less. 2.30 Millersford, 3.00 Little Martine.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

GOING: GOOD

12.55 HARBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,639, 2m 3f) (15 runners) (£1,639. 2m 3f) (15 numers)

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1.30 ETHELFLEDAS MOUNT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,745 2m) (3)

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302 202 RUM FOR DANTE 23 (F) G Hubbard 7-16-10 A Magnet B1
304 -512 APACHE PARA 127 (G.S. A Servers 4-10-5 T Day 90
305 3SU- BRIDEPARK ROSE 183 (D.S.) M Maggerdge 9-10-2 M Ahern — 11-10 Special Best &-1 Ron For Dayne, 9-2 Apache Park 6-1 Heardy Lats, 14-1 Bridapark Rose

2.30 VARLEY HIBBS NOVICES CHASE (£3,782: 2m 41 110yd) (13)

9-4 Zainon, 7-2 Rossell estand, 5-1 Millerstand, Speedmell Prince, 10-1 Seatons, 14-1 Magasis, 16-1 Operato, 20-1 others.

3.00 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE (£6,613 3m 2f) (4)

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M A Fitzgerald 107 7-4 Strongs 5-2 Hascham Boy, 7-2 God Speed You, Little Martina

3.30 ASHORNE NOVICES HURDLE (£2 749, 2m) (22)

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9-4 Ginger Fox, 5-1 Tonia, 6-1 Bold Surter, 8-1 Music Plane, 18-1 Dole Lively, 12-1 Halmanener, The Kerry Ledgend, Capacil, 20-1 others.

WARWICK: Trainers: In Chance, 3 commers from 5 rurners, 60 0%; S Brookstew, 3 from 9, 33,3%, N Gaselee, 10 from 40, 25,0%; R Alner, 5 from 22, 22,7%, D Nicholasm 25 from 110, 22,7%, Joeksyes, A Maquire, 20 wireass from 88 fides, 22,7%, C Lieuwiye, 8 from 41, 19,3%, J Kavanagh, B from 49, 16,3%, T Jenks, 5 from 34, 14,7%, G Brassley, 6 from 56, 14,3%

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

by Jamie Osborne at Chelten-

ham on Sunday, having been

replaced last season when

Andrew Cohen — the horse's owner and principal patron

of his trainer. Charlie Brooks

- decided that he was not

lucky for him. Cohen, too

exultant yesterday to feel sheepish about his behaviour

then, obviously feels his luck

has changed.

Celeric, whom Pat Eddery partnered to

capture the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, was

voted stayer of the year and the award was

received by Christopher Spence, his owner-

CARTIER AWARDS: Peintre Celebre

(Horse Of the Year), Embassy (2-Y-O filly), Xaar (2-Y-O colt), Ryafan (3-Y-O filly), Peintre

Celebre (3-Y-0 colt), Celerie (stayer), Royal Applause (sprinter), Pilsudski (older horse).

1.10 Strong John. 1.40 Chorus Line. 2.10 Tribune. 2.40 D'Arbigy Street. 3.10 Galen. 3.40 Stylish

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.10 John wade him t_{RUCK} selling HANDICAP HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,842; 2m 1)) (5 runners)

1 31-3 STRONG JOHN 11 (ROJF G) M Scientsby 9-12-1 D Parker 2 25-5 BASER 11 S Ctat 6-12-0 Moss R Ctark (9) 3 2144 NOMEOS 13 (F) E M Maurie 5-11-9 T Hong (7) 4 CS-2 CRANGARY 365 PS) Mr. A Semblan E-11-1 J Suppl 5 Q-70- MY HANDY MAN 351 D Barter 6-10-3 D Benthry 7-4 Craegary, 2-1 Names, 11-4 Strong John, 10-1 Stover, 16-1 My Harry Mar-

1.40 BOWDEN ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,785. 2m 110yd) (8)

HANDICAP CHASE (£2,765, 2m 110y0) (o)

1 33-1 VAL DE RAMA 9 (DD.F.8) P Beaument 8-12-6 (70)

2 100- CHORUS LINE 199 (D.F.8) P Beaument 8-12-6 (8 Grazian (8))

3 P65- THE BRID O'DOMBELL 203 (D.B.5) Nh-2 Hough'en 11-11-0

J Supple

4 -004 GORE ASHORE 8 (D.F) M Barner, 6-10-5 (8 Tayor 15)

5 0234 XAIPETE 13 (F) N Mason 5-10-7 (8 Domben 7-10-7)

6 38P0 WILD BROOK 13 (8F) 9 Electry 9-10-7 (9 Median 16-10-6 (8 Storey)

8 F-64 CIRCULATION 9 (CD.F.G.S) D McCan 16-10-6 (8 Storey) 11-4 Charus Lime, 7-2 Wal de Rama, 9-2 Time Bird O Donnell 5-1 Carculation, 11-2 Kaupste, 7-1 Cordensen, 10-1 Gone Achore, Wild Brook

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2.40 COLIN MACANDREW MEMORIAL HANDICAP

3.10 REGAL SUNDERLAND STADIUM HOVICES HUROLE (£2,285: 3m 3f 110yd) (12)

2-1 Slasher Jack, 5-2 Galen, 3-1 Lostes, 31-2 tech Widdoord, 8-1 others.

3.40 SEDGEFIELD PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,355: 2m 1f) (8)

1 30-0 GLENDIGE 160 (CDF,6) 6 M Moore E-12-0 . N Bentley 2 P-4F RUSSIAN RASCAL 20 (CS.) T Extenty 4-11-11 . R Garmly 3 P-42 BMRS 5 7 (CDF,6) Mr. J Bown E-11-7 . E Callaghan (3) 4 1222 PENTLAND SOURE 17 (BF,D,F) J Jefferson E-11-4

4 1222 PENTLAND SOURLE 17 (BF, DLF) 3 Jetherson E-11-4
A K Smith (7)
5 31-3 STYLISH INTERVAL 21 (BF, DLF) D Smith 5-11-0
F Neren
6 1800 GORRAN 5 ORUPENS 15 (CDJF, S.) J Tumer 6-10-8
R Supple
7 2-55 KERCHEM 13 (CS) C Goart 6-10-2 ... Miss S Lamb (7)
8 4506 RUBISLAW 13 (V) Mrs R Lamb 5-10-0 ... Miss S Lamb (7) 9-4 Russian Rascal, 3-1 Stylish Interval, 9-2 Pendand Squire, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SEDGEFELD: Transes: Ms. M Rienblay 71 winners from 258 numers, 27.5%, C Themton, 5 from 21, 23.8%, J Jefferson 8 from 36, 22.2%; T Earlerby, 5 from 23, 21.7%, P Beatmont, 18 from 88, 20.5%, Jackeyer, Physics, 58 amones from 193 rates, 20.1%, C McCarmack B from 32, 25.0%, E Callerbarn, 8 from 42, 19.0%, J Supple, 13 from 76, 17.1%, J Callerbarn, 14 from 104, 13.5%.

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RICHARD EVANS Nap: Eishken (1.20 Wincanton)

The well-regarded Eishken was far from disgraced rerace at Chepstow and will be a value proposition against some better fascied rivals in the opener at Wincanton. Next best: Run For Dante

(2.60 Warwick).

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Storm clouds cast shadow over Southampton



nesse and timing of a Gianfranco Zola chip, the visit by Southampton to Chelsea yesterday brought an intriguing boardroom meeting. On one hand there was Ken Bates, under whose dogmatic

IN FOOTBALL'S new world, where investing requires the fi-

chairmanship Stamford Bridge has grown from ruin to renovation. On the other was Rupert Lowe, the newest of FA Carling Premiership chairman, whose takeover at Southampton invites controversy. Specifically, David Mellor, head of the Government's Task Force on Football, condemns Lowe for getting into Southampton "on the cheap", yet admires Bates for buying Chelsea ostensibly for El but, over 15 years, converting club debts into an economic force that. were Bates to sell tomorrow, would net him more than £45 million.

Mellor, of course, is a committed Chelsea fan, but his absence last night, because of a speaking engagement, upset Lowe. The Southampton chairman was keen to confront Mellor over the campaign, which he is advised includes libel

on Mellor's part, to disparage him. Bates and Lowe hail from different sides of the track. The Old Rascal Bates, a lorry driver's son besotted by football, drove himself up from gravel to a position where politicians grovel for a seat in his state-of-the-art domain. He fought off land predators, delayed creditors and, through sheer bloody-mindedness, lifted his club into the Big Five. Lowe admits he started with a silver spoon. A good sport at prep and public school in Oxford, a hockey blue, he gave up stocks and shares for the chance to put his future in football.

left that summer and while

money was spent to replace

them, particularly the club-

record signing of Chris Arm-

strong for £4.5 million from Crystal Palace, Francis admit-

ted yesterday he was losing

talents that he simply could

not want to go," he said. "The majority of the £30 million

that was spent, and I know

Alan Sugar would be the first

to say we recouped £18 million

of it, was not actually increasing the team in terms of

Spurs finished eighth in

1995-96, missing a European

place on the final day of the

season and they appeared to have hit an invisible ceiling,

not even threatening to qualify

for the Uefa Cup in the last

campaign, limping home

The loss of Teddy

Sheringham this season was bad snough from: a playing point of view but, worse still, it

appeared to signal that Spurs

Francis said.

number and quality."

The players who left we did

not find elsewhere.

Rob Hughes unravels an ugly dispute at

The Dell that threatens to end in court

his eye, no doubt chuckled at the way Lowe introduced himself to Southampton's players — by organising a clay pigeon shoot. "We're in this together, guys," Lowe told them. "The bookies have us down already, but I don't like losing. Its about belief. I have faith in you keeping us up and I'm doing what I can to get together the finances to relocate this club without which none of us will

survive in the Premiership."
It was the timing of Lowe's approach to Southampton - just as a local planning authority stipulat-ed a deadline by which financial guarantees had to be met before it.

Bates, the maverick, a gleam in approved a proposed £50 million sports complex - that won the deal. However, Mellor is disdainful of Lowe's former position, running a retirement homes company with a turnover of £1.7 million, and. during his programme on Radio 5 Live, accused Southampton directors of selling to Lowe rather than accept a bigger-backed City consortium "presumably because they'd been so heavily incentivised by Mr

> That, Lowe contends, is offen-sive, unjustified and libellous. Mellor responds: "I would be more than happy to let him have his day. in court. I had him [Lowe] on the programme, offering him the right

extremely peculiar takeover. I did a lot of work researching this and, frankly, nobody in their right mind could prefer people who were running old people's homes when they were offered a takeover from a consortium backed by Gavyn Davies, who might be the next Governor of the Bank of England."

Mellor is gunning for Guy kham, the former chairman, and Keith Wiseman, both now nonexecutive members of the board and sitting on shareholdings worth £1.3 million and £750,000 respectively. Wiseman, the Southampton coroner and chairman of the Football Association, recently sought a E75,000 salary for the previously honorary FA position and Mellor

"I am outraged," the former

of reply, and I told him: 'Jack parliamentarian reiterated yester-Walker, you ain't' Look, it's an day, "that Wiseman, a man of no day, "that Wiseman, a man of no distinction, should be chairman of the FA and be able to make the best part of a million quid for a couple of thousand invested. If I don't speak up for the fans, who will?"

Outraged, too, is Lowe. He insists that the merger between his company and Southampton was immaculately transacted under stock market regulation and disclosure. He points out that one of the callers on Mellor's programme was convicted this year for causing criminal damage at The Dell.

"I had no idea the maelstrom of

hatred that existed around Southampton," he says, "but now I'm here -and I bought my shares above the market price because I'm here as a long-term investor - I will damn well not be tainted by accusations, malicious or otherwise.

FOOTBALL

Francis chooses the exit after losing his way

"YOU come into this job with your eyes open," Gerry Francis claimed yesterday, but too often recently the departing Tottenham Hotspur manager's eyes had been rooted to the

For a coach reputedly outstanding as a psychologist and man-manager, Francis's body language had spoken all season of someone who had lost the ability to motivate himself. never mind his team, and he leaves the club as he found it - a talented group of individuals careering rudderless from one storm to another.

Yet it was that ability to instil direction and confidence where it had been lost so under Osvaldo Ardiles that had heralded his

League Cup:

League Cup:

A RECURRING criticism of

Savo Milosevic the striker is

his tendency to go round in circles. His widely expected

departure from Aston Villa

last night appeared to be

following a similar course

Having seemingly han-

kered after a move to Italy,

Milosevic responded to news

that Villa were ready to accept

a £4.2 million bid from Napoli

(Richard Hobson writes).

GERRY FRANCIS S TRACK RECORD AT TOTTENHAM

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Played 14. Won 3. Drawn 4. Lost 7.

Milosevic set to stay

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arrival almost three years to the day, Francis taking over from the Argentinian on November 15, 1994.

Ardiles's cavalier policy of five forwards was instantly discarded. David Howells brought in as a defensive midfield player and, with everyone certain of his role, Spurs began to surge back up the table.

A team that Francis had taken over fourth from bottom in the Premiership finished the season seventh, also reaching the FA Cup semi-final where they lost 4-1 to Everton. It had been a successful campaign, but already Francis's

troubles were beginning.

Jürgen Klinsmann, Nick Barmby and Gica Popescu all

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Francis explains his decision to resign as the Tottenham Hotspur manager at a press conference yesterday

Morley makes winning riposte

could no longer be regarded as credible championship challengers. "One minute Teddy was talking about a new deal, next minute he was gone and we were without a striker," In a farewell address otherwise faultless in its dignity, it was at that moment that Francis lost his audience yes-terday. Asked where it had all gone wrong, he turned, as he has done for longer than

As he rattled off the setbacks that have undermined his plans, the question had to be asked whether Spurs would have been better off changing physics rather than managers. Chris Armstrong, Steffen lversen, Les Ferdinand. Darren Anderton ... the eyes

place a bit of a breather."

Spurs have been here be-

fore. And so to Christian

tinue negotiating while Milosevic remains hostile to a mind back to his first game in charge, against Aston Villa, Napoli are second from three years to the day of his resignation. "We were three down with five minutes to go bottom of Serie A and Milosevic, who turned down a move to Perugia last year, to half-time and there was not said: "If I ever go to Italy I want to go to a bigger club. I am satisfied at Villa, so why boo to be heard because there was a new manager," he recalled. "We came back to 3-3 and only lost in injury time and then did not lose for 15 games. Sometimes a change of managers can give the whole

went on.

should I go to Napoli?" Earlier in the week. Little told Milosevic to show loyalty to the club after critical comments attributed to him in a Yugoslavian newspaper. The do not want to lose him."

by saying he would rather stay with his present club.

Brian Little, the Villa man-

ager, said that he felt com-

pelled to talk to a delegation

from Napoli because of the

danger of losing Milosevic

under the Bosman ruling at

the end of the season. Napoli,

however, are reluctant to con-

TREVOR MORLEY will never forget a simple chance he fluffed at Elland Road two years ago. It occurred late in the game and cost Reading, 2-1 down at the time, the likelihood of a Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final replay against Leeds United. On Tuesday night he assuaged his guilt by anyone cares to remember, to scoring the goal that earned Reading a place in the last eight of the competition this a list of injuries that for too many others doubles up as a

Morley scored in the 85th minute as Reading, struggling near the bottom of Nationwide League first division, came from 2-1 behind to win 3-2 at Elland Road. For George Graham, the Leeds manager, who had warned his side against complacency, it recalled the dismissal from the FA Cup by the same scoreline glazed over as the familiar list Francis vesterday cast his against Portsmouth last

Although Morley, 36, has ambitions of appearing in his first Wembley final next year. Terry Bullivant, the manager, is more concerned with the impact of the result on league

The players have got to believe they are better than they think they are at the moment," Bullivant said. Sometimes we do not play with the confidence we should but this shows what a good side we really are."

BY RICHARD HOBSON

The reputation of Michael Owen grows by the day. He marked his first cup-tie with his first senior hat-trick, this at just 17, as Liverpool, without Evans said. Robbie Fowler, disposed of Grimsby Town with plenty to spare. They were made 5-2 favourites to win the competi-

erday. While Owen's third goal, a curling shot from 25 yards, had the 28,515 crowd in raptures, Roy Evans, the manager, took greater delight from

tion for a sixth time yest-

"It was a simple tap-in from a loose ball but that is the bread-and-butter chance that the best strikers always take,"

Newcastle United secured their passage into the quarterfinals at a worrying cost. Warren Barton (hamstring) and John Beresford (groin) were both replaced during the 1-0 win against Derby County, secured through a goal by Jon Dahl Tomasson, and face intensive treatment before the Champions League game against Barcelona in Spain

England continue to scale world rankings

January this year.

Brazil remain top but

Germany have switched

places with Spain to go sec-

ond. Also above England are

the Czech Republic, the Euro-

pean champions, and Roma-

nia, who won nine matches in

FIFA WORLD PANIGNES: 1, Blazzi 72 LS-2, Germany 84.88; 3, Spain 62.52; 4, Casach Republic: 62.48; 5, Formana: 61.82; 6, England: 61.98; 7, France 69.33; 8, Denman, 59.90; 9, Colombia: 59.82; 10, Baly: 59.81. Others; 36, Sootland: 62.22; 45, Republic: of Instand: 47.15; 83, Northern Instand: 36.05; 98, Wales: 31.12.

qualifying for France.

ENGLAND'S glorious past year has been rewarded with their highest position in the Fifa world rankings. England are now sixth, their best showing since the official list was introduced by football's world governing body in the run-up to the 1994 World Cup

The spirited goalless draw in Rome last month that secured England their place in France 98 also took them to sixth place from seventh and completes an impressive

It was Derby's first defeat at the new Pride Park Stadium and Jim Smith, the manager, bemoaned two claims for a penalty that were rejected by Martin Bodenham, the referee.

on Wednesday of next.

Arsenal may field a stronger side for the remainder of the competition after a goal by Dennis Bergkamp in extra time earned a 1-0 win against Coventry City. Just four of the team chosen by Arsene Wenger have been regulars this season, while Bergkamp himself was only playing to maintain his match fitness vhile he is suspended from the FA Carling Premiership.

The closest a tie came to penalties was at the Riverside Stadium, where Craig Hignett scored the winning goal in the 115th minute as Middlesbrough, from the first division. beat the struggling Bolton Wanderers, of the Premiership, 2-1.

Whither Oxford United following their 2-1 defeat at the hands of Ipswich Town? The club is losing £15,000 per week and Dennis Smith, the manager, described defeat as "a financial disaster."

Tony Mowbray headed the decisive goal three minutes

Newcastle plan to hold their ground

NEWCASTLE UNITED may now remain at St James' Park, after submitting plans to the local council for an expansion of the 36,000-seat stadium to more than 50,000.

Though the club refused to confirm this yesterday, sup-porters and followers of the club in the City interpreted it to mean that Newcastie are dropping their E65 million scheme to build a 55,000-seat stadium on Castle Leazes moor, half a mile north of St James' Park. The Castle Leazes plan involved building on town mooriand - protected green belt within the boundaries of Newcasatle and would have had to be approved by the Department for the Environment, a process that could have taken more than two years.

The new plan was put before the city council last night, with detailed planning permission being submittled next month. A council spokeswoman said that the St James expansion would be approved within four months, allowing work to start at the end of this 7 10 74

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Newcastle officials were leath to give setals yesterday. but said that the building work would not cause a drop in capacity at St James' Park, a claim that goes against the experience of all leading UK teams, including Manchester United, Arsenal and Rangers, the former employer of Freddie Fletcher, the Newcastle chief executive. The scheme is understood to involve building a new tier onto St James'.

taking off the existing roof. United said the plan would not mean the club will receive ... less revenue than the Castle Leazes scheme. However, that involved turning St James' Park into an indoor arena in 🚜 which the ice hockey and basketball teams owned by Sir John Hall, Newcastle's largest shareholder, could play.

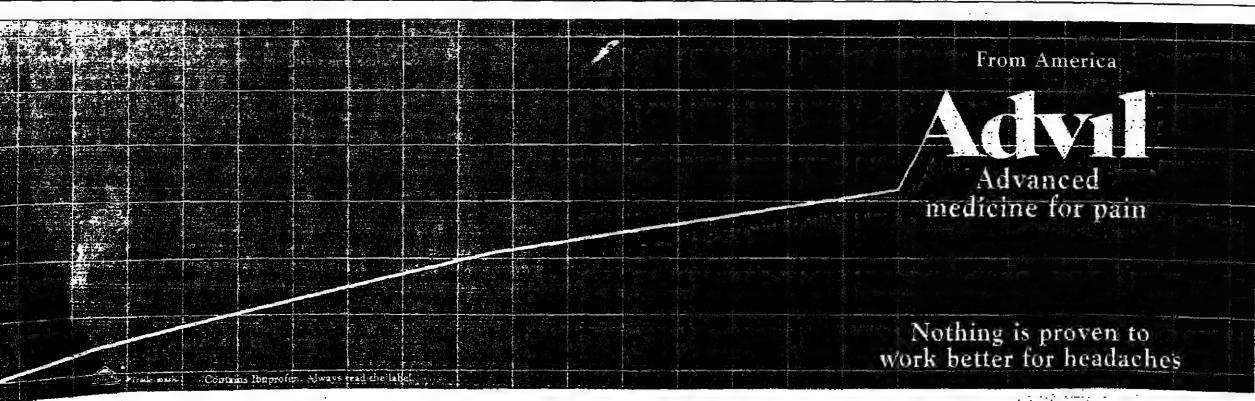
The decision to build on Castle Leazes came after a ... drawn-out battle with : Newcastle City Council, during which Sir John threatened : to move the club to a new stadium to be built in Gateshead, across the Tyne from a Newcastle. The decision to submit plans for St James' ! delighted local environmentalists who had long fought the

The Castle Leazes scheme was central to United's flotation prospectus when it joined the stock market in February. Since then its shares have fallen more than a quarter and , closed at 99 p yesterday. ☐ Newcastle hope Faustino Asprilla will be back on Saturday against Southamp ton. The Colombia striker has

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Kewell ready for lead role in real-life drama

Neil Harman finds

a precocious talent

preparing for the full glare of the spotlight

here is definitely a hint of Erinsborough High about him; even the name, Harry Kewell, is like something from the imagination of a soap opera writer. However, as we may discover in the World Cup finals next summer, this is no cranky, adolescent Aussie in short trousers.

He is Australia's answer to Paul Scholes - Kewell the Jewel - with a left foot so precious that Terry Venables and George Graham should kneel and give thanks each night that they had the good fortune to stumble across it.

The legs were stretched out in business class this week as the new phenomenon of Leeds United flew home to join Venables and the Australia squad to prepare for the two matches in his fledgeling career — the World Cup qualifying play-off games against Iran — that will decide the last of the 32 places in the finals in France.

It is a far cry from the cramped economy flight that he took from Sydney in 1994 in search of the glamour of the FA Carling Premiership. From the moment he arrived as a 16-year-old from the New South Wales Academy, Leeds knew that they had unearthed a player who could feature prominently in the ten-year plan that was the cornerstone of Howard Wilkinson's strategy, until he was reminded that results in the short term counted for more.

When Wilkinson was dismissed as Leeds manager in September last year he was fortified by the knowledge that he had put into place a structure designed to produce talent as good as anywhere else in the country. At Manchester United, Alex Ferguson had already begun to cast anxious glances over his shoulder. The emergence of Kewell this



Kewell will become a sporting celebrity in Australia if the national team manages to overcome Iran to secure a place in the finals of the World Cup

season has confirmed the wisdom of Wilkinson's forward planning. He was a member of the team that won the FA Youth Cup last season and many of his former teammates are now waiting to follow him into the first team.

"A gem of a player," lan McNeill, the Leeds chief scout, said as he watched Kewell undergo some private tuition on his right

foot on one of those days when the chill starts in the soles of your shoes and keeps on rising. "I don't think I've seen better at his age." Graham would have given more

teenagers their head last season had his priority not been to ensure that Leeds maintained their Premiership status, but the urge has become irresistible now. Kewell, 19, is the liveliest of the group and

his dedication to his career is underlined by the way in which he accepted that he would be restricted to one trip home a year.

There was no point worrying about it or wishing I could go back to Sydney more often," he said. "I had to get it set in my mind that I'd be away for a long spell, I knew I had to make sacrifices if I wanted

Paul Hart was in charge of youth development under Wilkinson before he left to try to establish a similar formula at Nottingham Forest. His faith in Kewell is unswerving. "From the moment he stepped off that plane, Harry knew what he wanted," Hart said. 'He's never looked back and I believe he is the best of a group

the best young players in the

"He has a great self-confidence, he won't be budged from doing what he thinks is right for his career. Physically, he was slightly ahead of the rest in the youth feam and I'm not surprised how he's emerged. He has a magnificent change of pace and a great left foot as he showed against Derby a couple of weekends ago. It was difficult for me to leave these kids behind because I know they will all make it. I'm proud to have shared in five years of their progress at Leeds because I know how good they are. Harry could be a sensation in the World Cup."

Kewell is grateful for Hart's influence. "He was always pushing me that bit further and never let me settle," he said. "But I have always been a level-headed person. I don't get carried away with anything and, when I scored against Derby, the feeling lasted for a couple of seconds and then it was back to business."

Kewell is first in, last out of training and lives with a local family in Collingham, sharing with three Irish players, Stephen MacPhail, youth team captain last season. Alan Maybury and

'His emergence has confirmed the wisdom of Wilkinson's forward planning'

Damien Lynch. He may have seniority in terms of first-team appearances, but Kewell has not been granted the run of the place and still has to share a room.

The publicity, Kewell Insisted, will not go to his head but it will be difficult to deflect the attention if Australia qualify for France on Saturday week. The calls to the Leeds training ground from Sydnev have been increasing. Australian journalists keen to discover more about this young man who could have such a bewitching influence on the growth industry that is Australian soccer. He prefers to keep a low profile, which may be impossible if Australia secure their World Cup place in front of an 80,000 crowd at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on November 29. That will be real

SAILING

Dalton left at the mercy of sea change

THE top half of the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet was making good progress towards the secondleg stopover at Fremantie yesterday with the leader, Swedish Match, having fewer than 1,500 miles to sail.

With a steady, southwester-ly air flow driving the boats at average speeds of up to 18 knots, the laggards can only hope that the high-pressure system of Western Australia will give them a chance to catch un.

The second leg is proving a disappointment for Grant Dalton in Merit Cup, one of the pre-race favourites, which started well with a second place in leg one. Dalton is in seventh position and admit-ted: They [the other boats] are embedded in a strong southwesterly flow making huge mileage and going approximately 45 knots faster than us. It is most unlikely

that we can improve unless there is a dramatic change in the weather." Meanwhile, Paul Cayard, skipper of the first-leg winner, EF Language, should be content with his position of fourth, which would make him the overall leader after

two legs, just two points ahead of Knut Frostad's yacht, Innovation Kvaerner. Silk Cut, skippered by Lawrie Smith, of Great Britain, continues to hold fifth place, 675 miles behind Swedish

Oxfordshire woman takes fast lane to place in line-up for RAC Rally

Heijink overtaken by desire to drive

a daring, boisterous kind of sport. No surprise, then, that the delivery driver from the Oxfordshire town of Witney is gearing up to race a 1300cc Skoda Felicia in the Network O RAC Rally this weekend.

It all started a year ago when her boyfriend and parents bought her an unusual 24th birthday present. The Find a Lady Rally Driver competition, run by the Silverstone Rally School, was advertised on local radio. No previous rally experience was allowed and 110 women paid to have a go at this maledominated sport. They knew would love it." Heijink said. 'My boyfriend, Steve, races motorbikes and I'm happiest

when I'm behind the wheel:" Heijink won her dream prize a rally year competing in the Skoda Trophy. With all entry and travel fees covered -including three trips abroad - use of the car and back-up from a service crew, its value was about £25,000.

"The judges went on lots of things," Heijink said. "How we got on with people and what we were like in front of camera was considered as important as our driving technique."

She had not driven a Skoda before and, despite accolades such as best budget car in What Car magazine, she shared the view that the Czech motor lacked "street cred". Heijink now knows this to be unfair. "If you've never driven one, you'd be surprised," she said. "It's now part of the Volkswagen Group, so maybe its road image will change



The Felicia I drive hasn't let

The comedian, Jo Brand, has also entered the RAC, in a Peugeot GTi, and gets good mileage from jokes about unfashionable cars, which Skodas certainly were. Heilink, though, has now conneted in, and finished, six Skoda Trophy rallies. She came sixteenth out of 25 and won the novices' trophy. Anna Tait was the only other woman in that competition and she too will drive in the RAC.

Although Heijink missed the French rally through work commitments, she has sped through the less hospitable countryside that Scotland. Wales, Ireland and Belgium have to offer, experiencing fear as well as thrills.

"Early on in the season, I remember going round this dusty, slippery forest road, looking to my right and seeing nothing. It was just a sheer drop. I wondered what I was



Heijink moved from van driver to the RAC Rally in a year

kicked in and took over." Confidence to overcome doubt at high speed has partly

doing it for, but the adrenalin shouts the pace notes and trust is vital. "Sometimes it can be like leading a blind person. because you can't see where come from her co-driver, Richthe road goes. A picture of ard Taunt, a director of the what's ahead comes from his Silverstone Rally School. He instructions," she added.

just as Heijink is beginning to excel at powering past waving crowds wrapped in wellies and waterproofs, she might come stop. If a sponsor does not come forward soon, she will not be able to afford to continue.

"I'm treating this like it's my last rally," she said. "It's awful because there's been a great sense of being part of something. I've met some fantastic people and been amazed by the support all the guys have given me. If you prove yourself, there's no chauvinism." She is happy that the RAC

Rally will begin and end in Cheltenham. Her boyfriend and parents have watched all her races but now, with the raily route so close to home. her friends can satisfy their curiosity. "it's funny, because a lot of

the garages I deliver parts to for work joke that I always get there fast," Heijink said. "I say it's because I'm a rally driver and now they can come and

They will not, though, be able to watch the former world champion, Stig Blomqvist, because of an entry mix-up. The Swede was set to race in the Skoda team. "It's gutting, because he's one of the all-time greats." Heijink said. "I was really looking forward to meeting him."

Her heart is simply set on a finish. Her portfolio will look all the more impressive for a good drive in the RAC but, if it is to be the last race in an alltoo-short career, Heijink has little doubt how she will spend her spare time. "I'll go out and watch, just for the sheer pleasure of being there."

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Ebdon plotting his recovery course

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despite losing 9-5 to Jason Prince, the world No 42, in the latest upset to feature at the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom Championship in Preston ye-terday. Ebdon has made a wretched start to the

season. He has avoided defeat in only one of five matches and will not travel to the German Open next month after failing to

Regardless of such a dismal recent record, he remained unswervingly optimistic. "There's no reason why I can't be world No 1 in the next two or three years. That is still the aim." he said.

"This is only a minor setback and I will come back stronger. I am bitterly disappointed but you have got to take it on the

Ebdon insisted his present vulnerabiliy is a by-product of distractions and a less intense early-season work-rate than usual. In an attempt to address this problem. he sent two of his prized racehorses, process. Prince, who turned professional

By PHIL YATES

Magic Lake and Ordained, to the Doncaster sales yesterday. "I am doing that to give myself a kick up the backside," Ebdon, the world No 5, said. "I feel I am at the crossroads and I've

got to give myself new direction and focus. I have to get my dedication and determmation back." While Ebdon's self-confidence in the

face of such a descent is commendable, by talking of topping the rankings and winning tournaments, in the wake of such a dismal sequence of results, he is putting himself under unnecessary pressure to

Held 4-4 overnight, Ebdon was expected to surge away but Prince, an Ulsterman resident in West Yorkshire for the past ten years, accounted for five of the next six frames, even though he compiled only one half-century break in the

Doherty and Alan McManus, but has achieved only a fraction of their success. advances to meet McManus for a place in the quarter-finals. "I practice with James Wattana a lot

with the class of 1990, which included Ken

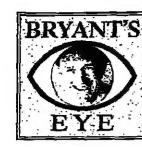
when he is in this country and he can't believe that I have never really done myself justice," Prince said.

"It made me realise that instead of worrying what is the correct shot to play, I should just concentrate on my natural game."

Wartana, the world No 12, subsequently became the eighth member of the top 16 to be eliminated when he lost 9-8 to Gary Wilkinson. The Thai recovered from 8-5 down to 8-8 but wasted a couple of opportunities in a typically tense deciding frame to allow Wilkinson through.

Ronnie O'Sullivan, who led Terry Murphy 5-3, looked to be on course to supply his opposition in the fourth Life-or-death situations illustrate power of adrenalin

Tapping into the fear factor



matter of life and death, but could you swim faster if you were being chased by a shark? It could be a serious question for competitors and coaches at the world championships in Perth, Australia, next year. Fina, swimming's governing body, has ordered spotter planes and armed scubadivers to guard the longdistance ocean events after a recent spate of shark attacks.

Kevin Holtom, the race co-ordinator, said: "Each competitor will have a support boat and there will also be back-up crews with lifeboats and rubber duckies |dinghies|, as well as helicopters. We also agreed to get a surveillance plane to fly overhead to look out for sharks, and there will even be a team of scuba-divers armed with spear guns.

Holtom said that the precautions were to stop the swimmers from experiencing fear. But perhaps he is doing them no favours, for there are many who believe that fear could be the vital ingredient needed to produce a recordshanering performance.

Dr Murray Watson, the zoologist, is convinced that a fear-enhanced feat will beat a drug-assisted athletic performance. He used to keep a tooth-torn pair of bush shorts in his office in the Tsavo National Park in Kenya to remind him of the night that he beat the high jump world

This record cannot be found in the books, because it was achieved far from any stadium and with the aid of a pack of hyenas. It took place in the national park one night in 1965 after Murray's Land Rover had broken down two miles

from his base camp. He was 26, relatively new to Africa, and he decided to walk with his vehicle. Within a few hundred yards, and with sceptical of his story, had a go darkness closing in, he found he was being hunted by a pack of hyenas. When the leading animal snapped at him, he decided it was time to hide.

Swimmers take to the water in Australia, but would a chasing shark make them go faster?

hyenas snarling at his back -one even took a bite out of his shorts — he jumped for the lowest branch of a tree and swung to safety. He sat it out in the tree. At dawn he was amazed to find that he was more than 12 feet from the ground and, once down, despite repeated attempts, he could not get within four feet of night before. His colleagues, at matching his jump, but not one of them could get near it. It is not the only story of its kind. Watson's performance

echoes that of others who, in

station-wagon off her trapped son and held it long enough for the child to be pulled free. She weighed 8st 11lb and the vehicle 3,600lb. strongmen found it difficult to match her feat, but for her lifting, no steroids. Instead she was just using one of the great resources available to any sportsman - the power of

mind over matter. There are plenty of sports scientists who feel that the

off the seemingly impossible. have nearly been reached and There is the case of the distraught Florida mother, that the great advances of the future will come from psychol-Maxwell Rogers, who lifted a ogy. What they know is that the human who attempts the impossible because he is being hounded by wild animals is mobilising an innate fear-orflight reaction and dosing himself up on one of the most powerful and ancient of stimu-

rate and depth of their breathing during competition, boost heart rate and mask pain, the

Yet it already exists. When adrenalin kicks in, it can fire freak performances from the untrained, or spark barrier-breaking records from sportsmen, providing tantalising glimpses of what is possible ithout drugs.

Sometimes we are privileged to witness the untapped potential of the body within a stadium, as when Bob Beamon unleashed his recordshattering long jump in 1968, which confounded experts and put the world mark out of

sight for nearly three decades. David Hernery, who won gold in the 400 metres at the same Olympic Games, co-wrote a book called Winning Without Drugs, in which he puts forward the theory that everything that a human being might achieve with arti-ficial stimulants can be matched using natural and legal training procedures, and by harnessing the power of the

Few can doubt that, for the swimmers in Perth, the sight

'Coaches must plug natural responses of aggression and survival'

of a shark fin on the horizon would flood their bodies with adrenalin and speed them up. So, perhaps the trick for the coaches of the future is to plant the fear of the shark, without

If they could do this, they could plug into the natural responses of fear, aggression and survival that are such powerful legacies from our past. If psychology and tech-nology can work together, virtual-reality sharks and hyenas may yet chase man to heights and speeds as yet undreamt of.

In this age of professionalism and hype, physical performances are often touted as if they were a matter of life or death. Through millions of years of survival, of course, Adrenalin is a remarkable - sharks, and hyenas that snark performance enhancer. If athe only in the mind may yet letes were offered a stimulant unlock amazing powers to that promised to increase the run, jump and swim. To our ancestors, such sport really was a matter of life and death.

JOHN BRYANT

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TENNIS: SCHULTZ-McCARTHY IS FORCED TO WITHDRAW BY INJURY IN SHOWCASE TOURNAMENT Hingis struggles to maintain momentum

THE Chase Championships are billed as the showcase for women's tennis. Over seven days, the great and the good do battle to decide who is the champion of champions. But late on Tuesday night, the year's achievements were wrapped up in two matches as Martina Hingis, winner of Wimbledon and the Australian and US Opens, and Iva Majoli, winner of the French Open, won their opening matches. The "grand slam" encapsulated in two young women, neither of whom are old enough to buy a beer in

Hingis was helped on her way by Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, who had to default in mid-match with a toe injury. Stretching for a volley at the start of the second set she missed her footing, tore a toenail and gave up the struggle seven games later, allowing Hingis to go through 7-6, 5-2. It has been that sort of year for Schultz-McCarthy. She has had Achilles problems, an ankle injury

and is scuppered by a toenail. Nothing about Schultz-McCarthy is orthodox. She has a forehand that makes it look as if she is knocking a nail into a wall and a service that could kill a yak, but when it comes to stringing the shots together it all goes wrong. Serving aces with carefree

abandon, she had Hingis on the rack for large parts of the first set but, when course of one raily. it came to putting away the winner on the big points, she fluffed it, landing shots in the front row of the stalls and overheads in the bottom of the net.

As for Hingis, she was happy to have the first win in the bank. At only 17 and with all that has happened to her this year, she admitted that it is hard to keep the momentum going. Last week in Philadelphia she had three close and tough matches. The word is out in the locker-room that Hingis is beatable provided someone has the confidence. Whether Mary Pierce, her next opponent, is the one remains to be seen. Pierce has the rare ability to play

Majoli is one of the few to have had the better of Hingis this year, beating her in the French Open final, but since then her form has been on the slide. Playing her old adversary, Anke Huber, she eventually won the baseline war of attrition. With Majoli grunting on every stroke and Huber squealing at every mistake, the grunts beat the squeals 7-6, 7-6.

Then it was left to the older players to make their mark. Jana Novotna, positively elderly in this company at 29 but improving with age, outplayed Conchita Martinez, four years her junior, 6-4, 6-4.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Travellers' tales of woe

All thoughts that working for a tour company abroad means having a paid holiday are banished for good. Poor Caroline, the bubbly blonde we met last week, has the ultimately dreadful task of trying to pacify increasingly angry customers as they want hour after hour for their flight home. It is not Caroline's fault that a flash storm has hit Minorca. Airport and that the flight has yet to leave Gatwick. Arroor and that the light has yet to leave Calwick.
But she is Unijet's person on the spot and gets the flak. On Lanzarote, meanwhile, Claire is also wondering whether being a holiday rep is a good idea. She is getting homesick and may have to miss two important weddings. Eve may also live to regret her sojourn in the sun. Having ignored the company's warning about the attentions of local men, she is worried that her romance with Spanish waiter Andreas has gone too far.

TTV. 8.30pm.

It is Europe's busiest ferry port at the best of times and at Easter Dover is even busier than usual. Perhaps it is the Bank Holiday mood which gives tonight's film a jocular air. The search of a Europe-bound rugby team for offensive weapons yields only a blow-up doll and lots of drink. Alcohol has already done for three loutish males who are ejected from a coach for abusive behaviour. Even a swoop by HM Customs and Excise on a suspected tobacco smuggler has its funny side, as the man comes up with an unlikely story and officer Peter says, with a twinkle in his eye, that he does not believe a word of it. And although the victim might not agree, there is something amusing about a woman who accidentally posts her passport in a letter box at Dover Priory station.

Scare Stories: Bursting At the Seams BBC2, 9.25pm

In 1968 the American biologist Paul Erhlich predicted that millions would starve to death because the planet could not feed them. It has not happened and this first of five films about environmental doomwatching argues that fears about over-population have been largely misplaced. Michael Buerk, who reported so

The Windsor Castle fire (ITV, 10.40pm)

memorably on the Ethiopian famine in the 1980s. memorably on the Emiopian lamine in the react, says the main cause of people going hungry was the civil war which stopped food getting through. The film claims that all coercive policies to reduce population growth, such as China's "one child" campaign, have failed and suggests that the real solution to smaller families is growing prosperity. That, of course, is the Vatican line, but it finds no favour with women who see contraception as a means of having control over their bodies. means of having control over their bodies

IIV. 10.40pm (Ulster 11.10pm, Grampian 11.40pm, STV 11.45pm)

As Bill McLaren says at rugby matches, this is a right royal occasion. A documentary charting the rebuilding of Windsor Castle after the fire five years ago is produced by Prince Edward and includes contributions from the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York Parily it is a story of remarkable escapes. Thanks to rapid evacuation work by a human chain, almost all the castle's treasures were saved. cham, almost all the castle's treasures were saved.

But the fire still damaged or destroyed more than 100 rooms, nearly one fifth of the building. That none of this is evident today is a tribute to skilled restoration on a scale rarely attempted in Britain. In some areas, notably St George's Hall which has a new ceiling and freshly revealed medieval designs, the returbishment has improved on what was there before the fire.

Peter Waymark.

RADIO CHOICE

Service of Thanksgiving Radio 4. 10.45am, (LW only)

An upheaval in the schedules means that I feel obliged to turn this space into a public information slot. The service in question is for the Queen's 50th wedding anniversary and it is being transmitted on long wave only. There are several consequences. There will be no Daily Service on long wave at 10.00am and Woman's Hour (at long wave at 10.00am and Woman's Hour (at 10.30) will be on FM only, meaning that women who are Christian, monarchist and feminist face something of a dilemma. Listeners who cannot get an FM signal will hear, at 10.00am, part four of the Agatha Christie story A Caribbean Mystery, which is usually on FM only but which today is being transmitted on both FM and long wave. It all

5.30 Minkey, Includes 12.30 pm sun as in in many states to Whitey, Includes 12.30 pm Newboat 2.00 Merk Raddite 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.15 Newsbazt 5.30 Evening Session 5.30 Movie Update with Merk Kermode 5.40 John Peel, Includes a live seasion by the Delgados 13.00 Charles Jordan 12.00 Blue Jam 1,00 pm Cilve Weren 4.00 Chris Moyles

6.00em Alex Laster 7.30 Welce Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Children in Need. The sunnor of this yeg's repeal 12.05em; Stew Medden; Includes Children in Need Need 1.05 John Terreit, Includes Children in Need

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VIRGIN RADIO

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TALK RADIO

6.30em Paul Ross and Carol McGillen 9.00 Scott Chisholm

Ray Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre Radio 4, 11.00pm

A series of six Bradbury short stories, each of

A series of six Bradbury short stories, each of which is opened by the author giving an instant picture of the story's origins. The Man Upstairs, he says, harls back to time spent in his grandmother's kitchen when he was a child; watching food being prepared, iascinated by poultry being carved up to reveals the innards. That and the occasions when he "watched our star boarder eat his soup" contributed to this story about the new lodger in a boarding house who finds that Douglas, grandson of the landlady, takes an instant dislike to him. Finlay Weish is the lodger increasingly alarmed by what the boy might do, Geoffrey Lee is Douglas and Mary Riggans plays the grandmother. Peter Barnard

9.00am Newsday 6.30 Mendian Books 7,00 News 7,15 Off the Shell: The Handmaid's Tale 7.30 Composer of the Month 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Perhamence 8.30 The Ed. Stewart Show 9.00 News: News in German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Poems by Post 9.30 BBC English: Business File 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Discovery 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Children in Conversation 11.45 From Our Own Consepondent 12.00 News 12.05pts World Business Report 12.16 British Today 12.30 Record News 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multimok X-Press 3.00 News; News in German 648 only 3.06 Sports Roundup 3.16 Westwey 3.30 The Outlook 2.30 Multitrack X-Press 3.00 News; News in German (648 cnty) 3.06 Sports Roundup 3.16 Wesheey 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 News 4.15 Record News 4.30 The World Today, News in German (648 cnty) 4.45 Britain. Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Assignment; News in German (648 cnty) 7.00 News Summay 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 John Peal 6.00 Newshour 8.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridan Books 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 1.00 News Sports Roundur, 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 John Peal 12.00 Newsdesk 1.30 7/ Compoen of the Wesk 2.00 Newsdey 2.00 Newsdesk 1.30 7/ Compoen of the Wesk 2.00 Newsdey 2.00 Focus on Fasth 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today

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6.00mm Alan Marin, trickuting Moming March and Breeldaut Baroque 9.00 Herny Kelly Michael Berry's Classic Mesterpiace 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jene Jones 2.00 Concerto. Mertuod (Plano Concerto No 1 in D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Neweright with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata. Debussy (Sonata for Fluts, Viola and Harp) 8.00 Evening Concert. Selnt-Saéns (La Rouet d'Omphale; Carnival of the Animals; Volôn Concerto No 3 in B minor; Symphony No 3 in C minor) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Grittine

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Ravet
(La Tombeau de Couperin); Bach (French Suite
No 5 in G); Stanford (For Lo, I Raise Up); Grieg
(Lyric Suite); Handel (Arrival of the Queen of
Sheba, Solomort); Poulenc (Le Bai Masqué)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday.
C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in F); Debusey
(Estampes); Falle (Hornages); W.F. Bach
(Harpschord Concerto in A minor)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with John Toel, Grainger
(Country Gardens); Britten (Choral Dancas,
Gloriana); Bridge, arr Britten (There is a Willow
Grows Aslant a Brook); Shostalovich (Suite
Hamlet); Haydn (Plano Irlo in Fisharp minor);
Leroy Anderson (The Typewriten); Poulenc (Sonata
for Two Clarhets); Stambauch (Il Campanije);
Reger (Baethoven Variations)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Strause
1.00pm Verterno Volces, Gordon Stewart presents the
last programme exploring Italian vertiento. Includes
excepts from operas including Cavalleria
Flusticane, Tosca, Andres Cherrier, Francesca de
Rimmi and Activine Lecourreur. Among the voices
are Cosotto, Raimondi, Scotto, Golobi, Muzio,
Price, Olivera and Coreili (f)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of
Wales under Tadaski Otalta, with Mayumi
Fujikawa, violin, Methias (Celtic Dences);
Tchalleovsky (Violin Concerto in D; Overture
Romeo and Jusiet); Dvořák (Symphony No š in G)
4.00 Ensemble. A recital by the Coult Cuanet, No van
der Werlf, viola, and David Smith, cello.

Mendelssohn (Capricolo); Brahms (String Sextel No 2 in G) (f)

4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp
5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty
7.30 Performance on 3 (Seaty)
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reviews 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Porecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Feming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Mazz, Michael Buerk

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10.00 News; A Cartibbean Myestey, Agatha Christie's novel, dramatised by Michael Bateswell. Starring June Whitfield as Miss Marple (4/5)
10.30 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 (FM) Women's Hour. Jerral Murray talks to the actress Geraldine McEwan
10.45 (LW) Service of Themisestving. Live Irom Westminster Abbey. See Choice
11.30 (FM) From Our Own Correspondent, News. from BBC reporters around the world
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Inspiration. Chris Stuart chetrs another round of the panel game. He is joined by Professor

12.25pm Inspiration. Chris Stuett chairs another round of the purel game. He is joined by Professor Lewis Wolpert, Adem Hart-Davis and guests including Or Len Fasher 12.25 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks

1.40 The Arctives (r) 1.25 Stepping Forecast

2.00 News; Thursday Aftermoon Play: Little Lower than the Angela. Rachel Joyce's play about a chance meeting. With Namth Cusack, Finber Lynch, Devid Bennermen and Alison Petit

3.00 News; Afternoon Shift, with Dare Brehen

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Alten sees Swern Years in Titoet, in which Brad Pitt plays the educator of the Dalai Lama. Plus the implications of a new age of video surviviliance.

4.45 Short Story: Child of Clay, by Bernie
Crostinesite, read by Josie Lewrence
5.00 PM, with Clare English and Charlie Lee-Potter
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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 On the Town with the League of Gentleman, A black comedy written by and starring Stave Pemberton, Necce Shearsmith, Mark Galles and Jeremy Dyson

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Document. Alen Dein unovers a chain of events
which led to a mass public strike in support of an
inspirational teacher in 1971 (2/6)
8.00 Analysis: Shalte Hands and Be Ctvit. Ian
Hargreeves examines the shifting locus of politice.
8.45 Torremolines: Beyond the Beaches. Harry
Flichis meets some of the British expats who
satilled in the resort 30 years ago (2/3)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The magazine made by
and about people with disabilities
9.20 Keleidoscope (f) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedthme: A Simple Heart, Julian
Barnes reads Gustave Flaubert's clessic tale of a
worman's life in 19th-century Normandy (2/3)
11.00 Rays Bradbury's Tales of the Bizarre: The Man
Upstalia. See Choice
11.30 (FM) Offspring, with John Peel (f)
12.00 News 12.30am The Labe Book: Bright Lights,
Big City, by Jay McInemey (4/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Name-calling and cryptic crossword clues

REVIEW

s our schools paddle in the first name. Morse fudges: "My shallow intellectual waters whole life's effort has revolved s our schools paddle in the shallow intellectual waters of multiple choice and coninuous assessment, how quaint to and Inspector Morse (ITV) bang ing the drum for traditional menfal exercise last night by setting us cryptic crossword clues - an extra brain-teaser for those hungry to solve more than just the plot of Colin Dexter's latest Morse saga, Death Is Now My Neighbour. So what, after 31 Morse films, is

the man's first name? Himmm? "Morse," mumbles John Thaw to his would-be lover, Adele, trying to make it sound as sexy as when Agent 007 introduces himself simply as Bond". Everyone just ... calls me Morse. I do have a first name, of course, but I'd have to know you better," he adds: which must have made Lewis feel

But when Adele warns the Inspector that he won't get to know her better unless he coughs up his

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whole life's effort has revolved around Eve. Nine letters. And that's the truth. The whole truth." Can you imagine Morse's reac-

tion if a murder suspect he was: interviewing tried to be this care with him? (Was I at the scene of the crime, inspector? Well, let me put it this way, if I may - My first is in toy, but not in tot; my second is in hell, but not in hor, my last's not in bet, but is in Bess. So was I at the scene? You'll just have to guess." Closely followed by, "Loooowiss! Get this cretin out of my sight, before I do something I 11:

regret. Like pay for my own pint. The anagram of "around Eve", as crossword solvers will know, is Endeavour. But why? "My father." he tells Adele, while Lewis is at the bar buying yet another round for the tight-fisted Morse, "was obsessed by Captain Cook and his ship was called HMS....

"Poor sod!" said Lewis, who

managed to eavesdrop just in time. "I'm not calling you Endeav-our," said Adele. "I'll stick to Morse, like everyone else."

ndeavour is not so had, especially when you consider what might have hapwhat might have happened if his father had been obsessed by say, Sir Francis Drake, or Charles Darwin, or Christopher Columbus, or even Jacques Cousteau. Of course, by the time they film the remake of Death Is Now My Neighbour, ITV will have replaced Morse's cryptic crossword caper with a moreviewer-friendly multiple-choice option. Adele: "So what's your full name. Morse. "Morse: "I do hove a full name, of course, born of my father's obsession with Captain Cook. So is it: (a) Golden Hind Morse; (b) Beagle Morse; (c) Santa Maria Morse; (d) Calypso Morse; or (e) Endeavour Morse?

John Thaw, as Morse, and



Joe Joseph

Kevin Whately, as Lewis, glided through Detter's cosy plot with the unfussy ease of a married couple who know - without even bothering to catch their spouse's eye -how each will react to any new circumstance. The starry supporting cast - Roger Allam, Maggie Steed, Judy Loe - shimmered. Richard Briers, as Sir Clixby Bream, shone, Just as we were mourning last week's death of Isaiah Berlin, envying him his long, uplifting life of academic contemplation, along came Sir Clixby, the viperish outgoing master of Lonsdale College, Oxford, to remind us how bitchy academia can be: Julius Caesar's back bore fewer stab wounds than that of

even the lowliest university don. Sadly, Channel 4's Secret Lives on L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, failed to enter into the spirit of the evening by challenging us to guess what the "L" stood for. So let me make you an offer on their behalf: "Eat, fly, ear! ordered the combative French marquis. Nine letters" (answer at the bottom of the column).

The gist of the programme itself was not so secret either, even before John Travolta made the documentary front-page news by pleading with Channel 4 not to show it. Most people who are not Scientologists have long thought that "L" Ron Hubbard was a

lucky to have found people eager to believe his science fiction. As Cyril Vosper, once on Hubbard's staff, said: "He told so many stories of his exploits in South America and West Indies and places that he would have had to be at least 483 years old to have had enough time to have done all those things. But that doesn't matter. It was just very entertaining, really. Except that he turned it into a religion." Not so entertaining, though, for the little boy Hubbard imprisoned in a wet,

dark cell for two days for commit-

ting some teensy misdemeanour;

nor for Hubbard's son, Quentin,

who committed suicide rather than

doesn't seem too surprising that people such as Lisa Marie A Presley and Tom Cruise have succumbed. But Travolta? It would have been useful to see someone like him baning for Hubbard's

tell his father that he was gay.

the sort that the Travolta we know would swallow - certainly not the Travolta of Vincent Vega in Pulp Fiction? Just consider:

INT. 74 CHEVY. MORNING. Vincent: "You know what they call The Big Cheese, L. Ron Hubbard, in Paris?" Jules: "They don't call him The Big Cheese?" Vincent: No, man, they got the French language over there." Jules: "What'd they call him?" Vincent: "They call him Le Grand Fromage." Jules: "Le Grand Fromage." Vincent: "Yeah, that's right." Jules: "What'd they call Scientology?" Vincent: "Well. Scientology's Scientology, but they call it Le Scientology". Jules: "Le Scientology. What'd they call Judaism?" Vincent: "I dunno, I didn't go into a synagogue."

See what I mean? Oh, and that crossword clue answer, if it makes Morse feels any better, is Lafayette.

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite.

Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of

charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz.

7,30 Milkshake (4177643) 7,35 Stickin' Around (r) (6578594) 8.00 Havakazoo (r)

8.30 WideWorld Series on human migration

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (2466846) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8563198) 10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (4225264)

11.00 Leeza (7111952) 11.50 Double Espresso

1.00 5 News Update (48195551) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3197759) 2.00 5's Company (8165827)

3.30 All the King's Men (1949, b/w) Brodenck

Crawford stars in this political drama based loosely on the life of the Southern senator Huey Long. Directed by Robert Rossen (2425117)

5.30 Whittle Audience participation games show (T) (3552407)

5.00 100 Per Cent Game show without a host

6.30 Family Affeirs Elsa wins the council

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news and gossip

7.30 Dwellers of the Deep The spawning of the grunion, and the congregation of

8.00 Was it Good for You? Holidays on the Costa del Sol (5140594)

millions of sould to mate and die, in a coastal area in southern California (1)

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6.30 5 News (T) (5129001)

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Vs.00am Business Breakfast (86759) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (74827) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (5477730) 9.25 Style Challenge (5496865) 9.50 Killroy (T) (2275597) 10.30 News (T) and weather (8459407)

10.30 News (1) and weather (3453407)
10.35 The Queen's Golden Wedding
Anniversary Service of thanksgiving for
the Golden Wedding Anniversary of The
Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, from
Westminster Abbey. The Royal Family
join other couples sharing the same
anniversary day for the service, before
strending a lunch in their honour at the
Banqueting House (1) Subsequent Banqueting House (1) Subsequent programmes are subject to change (37523049)

12,35pm Give Us A Clue (2190198) 1.00 News (T) and weather (77914) 1.30 Regional News (84204310) 1.40 The Weather Show (59762575) 1,45 Neighbours (T) (44217643)

2.05 Quincy (r (2884488) 2.55 Wogan's Best of Blankety Blank (7894881)

3.30 Funnybones (1045372) 3.35 Playdaya 1. (8034204) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (8038020) 4.20 Mr Wymi (9834594) 4.35 Smart (1651933) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5392556) 5.10 Byker Grove (1) (9243556) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (714643) 8.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (223)

6.30 Regional Nams (T) (575) 7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer magazine (1) (7682) 7.30 EastEnders (T) (759) 8.90 Animal Hospital (1) (6310)

8.30 Walter Holiday Reps Holidaymakers experience chaos at Minorca airport when the island's worst ever storm coincides with unprecedented deletys (T) (117) I for a ray who prove

9.00 News (T) and weather (5049) 9.30 Men Behaving Bedty A holiday in a small caravan cramps the two couples. style (1) (57575)

10.00 They Think it's All Over With Franke

Detton and Alistair McGowein (f) 619)

19.30 Citive Anderson Alf Talk With Joanne
Lumley, Wesley Snipes and Alan
Partridge (27846)

11.00 Question Time Political discussion with a penel comprising Minister without portrollo, Peter Mandelson; the Shadow Health "Secretary, "John" Maples, the academic and broadcaster, Lisa Jardine, and the deputy director general of the Engineering Employers" Federation, and Minto (Michigan) that award of each human Minto (Michigan). Anne Minto (T) in the event of early by-election results.

subsequent programmes are subject to interruption or change (799759) 12.05em What a Carry Onl Clips from Carry On films (8979860) .

12.55 The Midnight Hour By-Election
Special David Dimblety presides over a
special edition to analyse the significance
of results in today's by-elections in Winchester and Beckenham (784402) Followed by Weather 3.00 BBC News 24 (88044)

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2.10 Going, Going, Gone (82305223) 2.40 News (T) (3247372) 2.45 Westminster (T) (7904001) 3.25 News (T) (8859778) 3.30 The Village (r) (681) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (488) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1650204) 4.55 Esther (9407759) 5.30 Today's the Day 6.00 The Minsters (r) (737020)

6.25 Ren and Stimpy (837594) 6.45 Hit, Miss or Maybe (161223) 7.00 The Whitbreed The 4,600-mile second leg across the inhospitable Southern Cosen from Cape Town to Frementle

7.30 First Sight Examination of non-custodial schemes aimed at reducing the number of 15-year-olds sent to prison (1) (371) WALES: Just One Chance EAST: Matter of Fact MIDLANDS: Midlands Report NORTH/NORTH EAST/NORTH WEST/ SOUTH WEST: Close Up

8.00 Just One Chance Educational magazine (4952) WALES: Play Noble on Common. Ground: 8,30 Top Geer Second-hand cars (T) (5989) 9,00 Third Rock from the Sun (1) (951914)



Overcrowding in Lahore (9.25pm) Scare Stories New series taking a sceptical look at the prophacies of environmental doom (I)

10.15 Expending Pictures (1) (330827) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (972533) 11.15 Late Review (310681) 12.00 The Phil Silvers

Show (r) (22315) 12.30 m Learning Zone: The Making of Peter Snow (5546976) 12.35
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House and Home (6543570) 1.30 The Malbury Road Set Fashionable Victorian (102013) 10.00 The Malbury Road Set Fashionable (102013) homes (12599) 2.00 Psychology (99908) 4.00 Teaching Film and Media (65266) 4.30 Multiplexes (87315) 5.00 Teacher Training (\$3247) 5.30 Windows on the World (23044)

6.00am GMTV (4949020)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5472285) 9.55 Regional News (1) (6999914) 10.00 The Time, the Place (56933) 10.30 This Morning (T) (48275759) 12.20pm Regional News (6160285) 12.30 News (T) and weather (2119223)

12.55 Shortland Street (2194914) 1.25 Home and Away (r) (T) (50240317) 1.50 The Flockland Files (5536440) 2.50 Vanessa 3.20 News (8847933) 3.25 Regional News (T) (8646204) 3.30 Petamus Park (3761952) 3.40 Wizadora

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5.40 News (T) and weather (997049) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (731846). 6.25 Regional Weather (617827) 6.30 Regional News (T) (643) 7.00 Emmerdale (1) (2730) 7.30 WALES: Wales This Week (827)

7.30 The Big Story A grandmother is recruited to live for one week with a Glasgow family and help deal with the children (827)

8.00 The Bill Ackland and Quinnan's suspicions are aroused (1) (8778) Dover Behind the scenes, the port of Dover(T) (7285)



9.00 Thief Takers: Road Rage A shootout with four ruthless villians from the "Costa del Crime" leaves two motorway patrolmen dead. With Nicholes Ball and Robert Willox (1) (7759)

10.30 Regional News (T) (476681)

11.40 WALES: The Big Story (871372) 11,40 Charlie Grace: Designer Knock-Off

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2.10 Planet Rock Profiles: Def Leppard (3989353)2.40 Late and Loud (r) (6720421) 3.30 The Good Sex Guide Late (1) (3934402) 4.25 Cool Vibes (40450711)

4.35 The Time, the Piece (r) (93573860)

5.00 The Pulse (r) (1) (50773)

5,30 News (10570)

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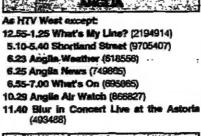
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7.00mm The Big Breaklast (90865)

9.00 Schools: History in Action (2098575) 9.20 Geographical Eye Over Britain (T) (2018339) 9.40 The Maths Programme (T) (7540694) 10,00 Middle English (T) (796737) 10.15 La Petit Monde de Pierre (7112932) 10.30 Scientific Eye (1) r2209001) 10.50 Film and Video Showcase 3 (2229865) 11.10 The Spanish Programme (1412488)

11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (T) (2952) 12.00 Sesame Street (33407) 12.30pm Light Lunch (63865) 1.30 Gardens Without Borders (T) [84288372) 1.45 Lucky Jim (1957, b/w) Ian Carmichael, Terry-Thomas and Hugh Griffith star in Kingsley Amis's story about an accident-

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6.00 Boy Meets World (T) (739488) 6.25 Fresh Pop (615489) 6.30 Hollyonks Teen soap (T) (285) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (586914) 7.50 Golden Oldies (544952)

8.00 Natural Born Healers A patient suffering recovery is down to acupuncture (T) (2/6)



Dorinda in New Mexico (8.30pm)

8.30 United Tastes of America Dorinda Hainer samples the cuisine of New Mexico (T) (5827)

9.00 Dispatches An exposure of the activities of a charity working in Bosnia (T) (933440)

9.45 Lloyds Bank Film Challenge: Beer Goggles A comedy drama written by 19-year-old Tessa Monts (T) (370285) 10,00 Streets of Fire: Another Life Saved Documentary series about the Beltimore

attempt to save a young girl who has tellen from a first floor window, incurring life threatening injuries (3/3) (T) (2582049) 11.05 Babyton 5 (T) (590730) 12.00 Dope Sheet The world of animation (3/5)

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American police drama with Ken Olin.
Detective Cameron Quinn is given a chance to redeem his reputation which is discredited after a flawed raid (365537) 4.05 J'Acquee: Dame Edna Everage (r)

4.20 Super Grass A man grows his own cannabis plant (40440334) 4.35 The American Football Big Match (r)

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Baldwin and Ellen Greene star in this drama about an American radio disc jockey whose obsession with shocking the aslablishment leads to his own 19522117)

Eric Bogostan on air (9.00pm)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show The guests are Mark Lamarr and Jo Guest (4153001) 11.45 Melrose Place Drama sensi (r) (T)

12.40am Live and Dangerous includes full coverage of a recent football match from the Brazilian National League (32214570) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (T) (7284421) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2447711)

For further listings see Saturday's Vision

SKY 1

8.00m Morning Glory (808865) 9.00 Hoose (9739) 10.00 Another World (31136) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (11372) 12.00 Oprah Wirinay (94020) 1.00pm Geraldo (70440) 2.00 Sely Jessy Rephael (77440) 3.00 Jerry Jones (10594) 4.00 Oprah Wirinay (96001) 9.00 Sea Treic Voyager (1407) 6.00 The Live 6 Show (1469) 6.30 Marmed. with Children (8049) 7.00 The Saroparus (2198) 7.30 Filed TV (7337) 8.00 Suddenly Susant (9586) 9.30 Filed TV (7337) 8.00 Suddenly Susant (9585) 9.30 File Narry (7361) 9.00 Seinfeld (95266) 9.30 Med About You (52109) 10.00 File (32201) 11.00 Sea Treic. Voyager (2265) 12.00 Lise Show, with Dano Letterran (94131) 1.00mst In the Heat of the Night (54866) 2.00 Long Play (5204773) SKY MOV/FES SCREEDI 1

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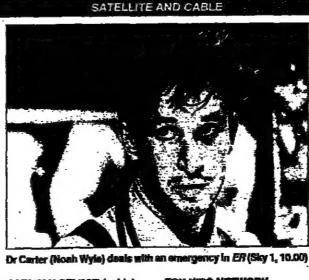
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THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20 1997

Selection of New Zealand wing makes Old Trafford task more daunting

Return of Lomu lengthens odds against England

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE giant shadow of Jonah Lomu fell across England yesterday. After 16 months away from international rugby, the 6ft 4in New Zealand wing will return at Old Trafford on Saturday in the first of two clashes between the countries and, daunting though it will be for England's refurbished XV, the whole sport will rejoice at his brave recovery from a career-threat-

In two brief years and 17 internationals. Lornu seized the global imagination like few before him. His potent combination of pace, power and outright size took the 1995 World Cup by storm before it was learnt, a year ago, that he was suffering from a rare kidney ailment that required under control.

That he was able to claim a place in the present tour party was remarkable in itself: that he has convinced the All Blacks management that he is ready to return at the highest level is testimony to his individual determination and

Lomu takes the place of Glen Osborne on the left wing and John Hart, the New Zealand coach, will decide

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ers, who played in the 63-15 defeat of Ireland in Dublin at the weekend, or Josh Kronfeld will play open-side flanker. Both are carrying minor injuries, Kronfeld to the ribs and Blowers to the nose, and it is likely that both will play a role at some stage of the game on Saturday. Against them, England will

Jonah Lomu here



that which shared a drab 15-15 draw with Australia at Twickenham last Saturday. Will Green, the Wasps tight-head op, was not considered because of the recurrence of a back injury, so Darren Garforth takes his place

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Leicester team-mate, starting the match at hooker in place of Andrew Long, of Bath. Garforth played for Emerging England against the All Blacks at Huddersfield on Tuesday night and was re-placed shortly after the interval specifically because the decision had already been made that he should win his

Lomu's immediate oppo-nent will be David Rees, at 5h 9in one of the smallest members of the England team, though he will be winning his second cap near his home ground on Sale. Rees, sensi-bly, has dismissed as irrelevant memories of the World Cup semi-final in South Africa two years ago, in which Lomu scored four tries against Eng-land, and Tony Underwood in

obsessed about it," Rees said. picked against me. It's an exciting challenge that I relish. I'm glad that Jonah is well

deflect the impact that Lomu would like to have on his return. It is a measure of the New Zealand team management that they made an exception yesterday morning from concerned and announced his inclusion in front of the whole

think we all immense amount of satisfaction out of the way Jonah played at Huddersfield," Sean Fitzpatrick, his injured cap-

tain, said. Two tries, neither particularly demanding, in the 59-22 win over Emerging England were not the whole story. What we have seen over the last two weeks, on and off the field, has led to his selection," Hart said.

"He is full of confidence, he adds a dimension most other teams don't like but, more importantly, we have seen a maturity in Jonah as a result



mentally harder person, a Lomu himself was less than convinced that his displays thus far would be enough to restore him to the side ahead of so talented a player as Osborne. "I was in shock when my name was read out," he said. If I had been wearing a pacemaker, it would have gone off the Richter Scale. Words can't describe it."

Only once did Lomu believe,

accumulated 361 race wins

and been involved with 25

world champions and 26 win-

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sport's leading teams - Wil-

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during his eight months of treatment, that he might not return to rugby union and braver than most of us. "gave me a slap". Lomu described this as "a new era, a new team, the World Cup is dead and

The hard work has been dane, my wife told me to go out, enjoy it and have fun. When I knew about my illness, I was lucky to have big

to share the load. It was hard, watching the All Blacks play and not being part of it. Rugby was my life, it gave me a new way of life but now I can see a broader picture," he said.

During the tour, Lomu, whose weight ballooned to 24st during his drugs treatment before returning to his normal 18st, has lost some 12lb though Rees, conceivably, may not notice the difference.

Sugar sweetens bitter taste of resignation. for Francis

and Alan Sugar implored him to change his mind. Yet the two of them still ended up presiding over Francis's resignation as manager of Tottenham Hotspur yesterday, saying their farwells amid a welter of mutual praise. As

been more amicable, Francis said that he had made his decision more than two weeks ago, after the home defeat by Leeds United, and that he had made it purely in the hope that a change of leader would revive the club's fortunes. He went wishing nothing but goodwill for the club and his successor.

Meanwhile, Sugar, Spurs chairman, claimed that he had done everything possible to change Francis's mind and blamed it all on his familiar scapegoats, the press.

The credibility of the man is no different from when he came here when everyone was singing his praises for how

He has been solicited by England and nothing has hanged but a lot of pressure from the media. I am not bitching about it, that is an occupational hazard. It is all a matter of psychology and pressure, not managerial skill. Quite frankly I don't know why I'm sitting here. It started back in July, before we'd kicked a ball. Every time we slipped up it created a depression. The snowball effect from

resignation.
"I've told Gerry that if he called him Francisco Geraldo, things would be turned around and everybody would be happy." Sugar confirmed that Christian Gross, still coach of Grasshopper Zurich for their game against Etoile Carouge last night, would take over as Totienham manager on Monday. He is expected at a press conference at White Hart Lane

The 43-year-old, known in Switzerland for the meticulous organisation of his teams, will inherit a side lying sixteenth in the FA Carling Premier-ship, with 13 points from 14. succumbed to those pressures and took his eyes of the principles he would normally brought to bear by people who

for a more attractive side. One aside by Francis yesterday hinted that the pressure was not just from the supporters.

Sugar of interference. "I have made this decision solely by myself. Alan Sugar has never once mentioned anything to ne about resigning or any g else, in fact quite the spite in that he has consis-y attempted to change mid

I'm still not exactly certain made it. You are judge results, and they've not been

Francis, who plans a break with his family, is age favourne to return to Queen Park Rangers and Sugar said "I have a sneaking suspicion that, while he will enjoy the rest and recharge his batteries, some other chairman is going to be a very lucky person



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Safety-first tactics force out Goodyear

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FORMULA ONE, blighted by doubts about the credibility of its competitive structure in the wake of the Michael Schumacher controversy, last night received another ominous indication of commer-

The announcement that Goodyear, the dominant tyre supplier in the sport for more than 30 years, will withdraw at the end of next season, is a direct response to changes implemented in the name of

In effect, the American company is balking at the additional costs involved in the production of what they believe, in wider commercial product. Regulations next year will involve narrow cars and treaded tyres in a pre-meditated attempt to reduce

William Sharp, president of the company's global opera-tion, said: "The rule changes imposed for 1998, ever-escalar ing costs of participation and the consequent diminishing returns on the company's investment in Formula One, are major factors in Good-

Goodyear has been part of

the fabric of Formula One

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the lesser teams last year, when it broke Goodyear's Bridgestone's arrival trig-gered a hugely expensive tyre war. Goodyear responded to initial complaints about a lack of competitiveness by em-barking on a development

programme that could do no

more than maintain its

Their clear belief that they have become the latest victims of Formula One's penchant for political power games is thought unlikely, however, to deter Michelin, the French tyre company, from entering

They are already thought to have had contact with some of the leading teams who are unnerved by the strength of the Bridgestone challenge.

Report proposes betting in pubs

BETTING terminals should be allowed into pubs as part of a radical plan to improve racing's finances in the 21st century, according to a British Horseracing Board (BHB) re-port due out next month.

The proposal is coupled would involve the Government switching £75 million a year in betting duty to the sport's depleted coffers and recouping the money by imposing a 30 per cent tax on "numbers betting" — such as 49ers and Lucky Choice.

The existing tax rate for mumbers betting is much lower than that imposed on the lottery and football pools and has belped the big bookmakers - Ladbrokes, William Hill and Coral - to report record profits in recent

The BHB report is being produced by a small group of directors and officials, chaired by Peter Savill, owner of Celtic Swing, the 1994 champion two-year-old. It discloses that the percentage of bening turn-over on racing returning to fund the sport is just 1.29 per cent, compared with between 2.64 and 14.93 per cent received by other leading racing

Simon Barnes

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Under the skin of sport

As a result. Britain is next to bottom in the prize money table and that threatens to damage the fabric of British racing, with the best bloodstock being exported abroad. Savill's team estimates that racing needs an extra a year to meet the sport's

Betting in pubs already occurs in Australia, France and South Africa, and Savill believes that introducing ter-minals in Britain would in-

crease revenue for racing and the Government as the costs incurred by betting shops.

The cost of operating betting shops in Britain is 13.9 per cent of turnover - exceptionally high compared with other countries - but the cost of having betting in pubs would be only about 5 per cent of

The blueprint for funding racing in the next century is due to be completed in the next two to three weeks and is likely to face bitter opposition from the bookmakers.

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